

ANNUAL REPORT

WESTMORELAND

NEW HAMPSHIRE



TOWN OFFICERS

for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

for the Year Ending June 30, 1998

The 1999 Annual Town Report
Is Dedicated to
Wesley Staples

Wes Staples is retiring as of April 1, 1999. He has been Westmoreland's Road Agent for many years and will be greatly missed.

Wes is a mechanic, loader operator, grader operator, Senior Road Scholar, a jack of all trades, and master of most. Over the years, Wes has rebuilt several of our roads. Long hours and hard work have been put into Westmoreland's roads, maintaining, rebuilding, plowing, sanding, salting, and sitting up nights watching for storms. He has decided to sleep in next winter.

This winter's condition of the town roads is testimony of his ability to keep Westmoreland's roads clear and passable.

We wish you the very best in the future.

Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the Town of Westmoreland. It is people with your loyalty to the town who make Westmoreland a great place to live.

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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTMORELAND, NH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1998

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1998 has been a stable and good year in the community and the following comments seem relevant to discuss. As the millennium approached, the town's Y2K problem was solved in a unique fashion. The phone and computer system was hit by lightening and required replacement. Fortunately, insurance led to our replacing the system with an updated one.

As I look back, I feel the town is being dragged into the twenty-first century from the nineteenth century without but a brief stopover in the twentieth century. The community has been changing regularly from a farming community into a commuter neighborhood. Thus it is hard to fully define ourselves as wholly as was once possible. Yet, the one thing that has remained constant has been the devotion and steadfastness of a group of people who have made this whole system work and remain usable. These are the employees and volunteers who have given of themselves so willingly. They need special thanks from our community.

One man who has been steadfast and has announced his intention to retire is Mr. Wesley Staples, our road agent. He and his crew have performed near miracles in dealing with the highways and byways of the town. He will be missed, but his crew will still be here.

Another man who changed jobs was Art Ainsworth, who decided to no longer continue as the town hall janitor. He still works part time at the recycling center.

One can not begin to mention the town without becoming aware of our office personnel. JoAnn LaBarre, Kathy DeFreitas and Cindi Adler who do the important work of keeping the town operational administratively.

The fire department should be complimented for their dedication and devotion to duty. All of us are safer due to the service of Chief Harry Nelson and his department. Jack Zeller has performed the constable duties and deserves praise for this sometimes arduous job.

I would have great trouble listing all the volunteers, but their performance is essential. It does give us an outfit that truly governs. I hope no one will be offended by not being mentioned, but they are appreciated.

I would like to mention a group who manages to keep it all together and working. The selectmen. I have never known more selfless, dedicated men than Robert Moore, Jr. and Linn Starkey, Jr. The community is fortunate for having them serve.

One could go on, but I believe the real thing to remember are the people who have helped keep Westmoreland able to operate so economically.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd F. Draper
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Lloyd F. Draper

Robert W. Moore, Jr.

Linn Starkey, Jr.

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

SECRETARY

JoAnn LaBarre

TREASURER

Kathryn DeFreitas

CUSTODIAN

*Arthur Ainsworth

AUDITORS

Richard Frye

Ralph Werninger

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Marcia Starkey

Barbara Messer

Dorothy Thompson

CONSTABLE

John Zeller

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Elizabeth McKenney

Frances Laurent

Suzanne Draper

LIBRARIAN

Mary Crowther

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY

Virginia Daschbach

Teresa Starkey

Terry Cox

ROAD AGENT

Wesley Staples

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Susan M. Castor

Stanley D. Castor, Jr.

WELFARE OFFICER

JoAnn LaBarre

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Donald Hall Carlson Barrett JoAnn LaBarre

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Robert Harcke, Chm. Patricia Bentrup Frances Laurent Lloyd Draper Michael Acerno, Jr.

PLANNING BOARD

Reginald Simino, Chm. Thomas Hanna Lauren Bressett Linwood Burt
James Ashworth Jeff Ingram Linn Starkey, Jr.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Remy, Chm. Brenda Shelley Barry Shonbeck John Burt
*Ken Thompson April Ferguson, Alt. Helen Draper, Clerk

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Linn Starkey, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER

William Huntley

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wesley Staples

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Janice Kos Stuart West

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmos, Chm. Jean Rudolph John Lukin Walter Derjue
Frances Laurent Brian Lewis George Duke

RECREATION COMMISSION

Susan Harris David Bressett Mark Ferenc Thomas Ainsworth

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

William Howland, Pres. Craig Brown, VP Barbara Jenkins, Sect. Frances Laurent, Treas.

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Steven Houle Charles Staples Christy Clark Elaine Wheeler

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT

Sarah Bonneau, Westmoreland John Pratt, Walpole

*Resigned

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL OPEN FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the
[L.S.] *County of CHESHIRE in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at TOWN HALL in said WESTMORELAND on Tuesday, the Ninth day of March, in the year nineteen hundred and ninety nine, at 11:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To see if the voters will approve the Zoning changes as proposed by the Planning Board.
(Copies on file with the Town Clerk)

Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00 P.M. March 10, 1999 at the school gymnasium. The balance of the Articles will be acted on at that time.

Article 3. To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.

Article 4. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote as follows: Polling hours in the town of Westmoreland are now 8:00AM to 7:00PM. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 11:00AM and close at 7:00PM for all regular state elections beginning in the year 2002?

Article 6. *A special article to see if the Town will vote to designate Paine Road a Scenic Road, and to designate the Planning Board of the town to administer said designation, in accordance with Statutes RSA 231:157 and 231:158 of the State of New Hampshire.

Article 7. To see if the Town shall accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

Article 8. A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of fireworks at the 1999 Centennial Year Celebration of Westmoreland Old Home Days. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation)

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to repair and/or replace the roof and windows of the Westmoreland Public Library.
(The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 10. A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the existing Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 11. A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$496,990.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety nine.

Lloyd F. Draper
Robert W. Moore, Jr.
Linn J. Starkey, Jr.

*By Petition

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10 & 11, 1998

The annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Carlson D. Barrett on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at 11:00 am with the reading of Article One of the Town Warrant and Article One of the School Warrant and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 11, 1998 for the Town Warrant and Friday, March 13, 1998 for the School Warrant each at 7:00 PM after a recess. Moderator, Carlson D. Barrett, called meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 1998.

Article One – To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of balloting were as follows: Total ballots cast were 228 of the registered 941 voters = 24%.

	Selectman	
For three years	Linn J. Starkey, Jr.	144
	Treasurer	
For one year	Kathryn DeFreitas	224
	Town Clerk – Tax Collector	
For one year	Cindi H. Adler	221
	Briggs Fund Committee	
For one year	Stanley D. Castor, Jr.	146
For one year	Susan M. Castor	199
	Budget Committee	
For three years	Robert Harcke	202
	Trustee of the Library	
For three years	Teresa J. Starkey	218
	Moderator	
For two years	Peter Heed	86
	Auditor	
For two years	Ralph Werninger	4
	Supervisor of the Checklist	
For six years	Dorothy Thompson	214
	Trustee of Trust Funds	
For three years	Frances Laurent	211
	Overseer of Public Welfare	
For one year	JoAnn LaBarre	221
	Cemetery Trustee	
For three years	JoAnn LaBarre	221

The above were declared elected by Moderator, Carlson Barrett

Article Two –To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.

Article moved by A. Richard Chase and seconded by Robert W. Moore, Jr. Robert Moore then spoke to the article reading a thank-you note from the family of Marjorie Hudson for the dedication of this years Town Report. Article Two voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Three –To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the Jotham Lord Fund. Linn Starkey, Jr. moved to give the funds of the Jotham Lord Fund to the Town Library, which was seconded by Catherine Steinheuser. Article Three voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Four –To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for road improvements. Motion moved by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Jack Maxson. Jack Zeller questioned the Selectmen as to what improvements were to be made. Linn Starkey, Jr. spoke to the article stating that they were looking at Paine Road-the blacktop stops at the end of Butterfield Hill where it connects to Paine Road. Sarah Bonneau asked how the bus route is effected and how Richard Delano feels about this. Linn Starkey, Jr. stated that Mr. Delano had not been notified but was quite sure he would be in favor of this. Sarah Bonneau stated that she thought the townspeople needed more information and that the landowners on that road should have been consulted. She, herself, prefers dirt to pavement and cannot support this article. Jack Zeller has lived on dirt roads for ten years and thinks the town roads here are well kept. Jack voiced his opinion that he is not sure that twenty thousand dollars is enough to do the job right. Wesley Staples spoke to the article explaining the Highway Block Grant and that we are now spending more on maintaining dirt roads than on paved in town. He explained how the price of gravel has increased and that he had originally asked for \$25,000 figuring so much per hundred feet and that he was hoping to get to the top of the first main part of Paine Hill or 2,000 feet. Sarah Bonneau asked if paved would they use salt or sand and which would give better traction. Nancy Zeller asked how much was spent toward repairing versus the dirt. David Putnam asked if this would be asked for each year to go a bit further each year. Linn Starkey, Jr. stated that that is the intention unless we run into a bridge repair. Roy Swain asked that from Zellers, down, could that part just be completely reggraded instead of tarring for this money. Wesley Staples stated that through this rain we have already spent \$10,000 in patching this year – “you can have muddy gravel or gravely mud,” he said. Timothy DeFreitas said he would gladly have the town pave McAdam road if the Paine Road residents would like to discuss this awhile longer. Jim Beeler asked if there was any other money in the budget set aside for resurfacing this year. Linn Starkey, Jr. stated that resurfacing is on going and each road gets done every three years on alternating roads. Leona Gordon asked if the Town uses salt or sand. Wesley stated that they use 100 pounds of salt to a yard of sand-it helps stick the sand to the road and doesn’t freeze. Scott Talbot questioned that with more traffic, what the long-term plan is. JoAnn LaBarre stated that the article did not state which road was to be done this year and that the Selectmen will decide – the article is to raise the money. John Stronk motioned to amend the article to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) and seconded by Timothy DeFreitas. Neil Van Zile questioned as to how much road in Westmoreland is dirt. Wesley stated 22-25 miles. Amended article fails by voice vote. Original Article Four passes by voice vote.

Article Five –To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to purchase a tank for the Fire Department. The Fire/Rescue Association will reimburse one half of the cost. Article moved by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Catherine Steinheuser. Michael Reed questioned if the Fire/Rescue is reimbursing \$7,500. Linn Starkey, Jr. confirmed this. Article Five passes by voice vote.

Article Six –*(By petition) A special article to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to help support the work of the Community Kitchen. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation)

Motion moved by Marshall Gordon and seconded by Leona Gordon. Marshall Gordon introduced Mindy Cambiar, Executive Director, to help answer questions the town may have. He stated that he thanks the Town for the \$2500 appropriated last year and has no hard feelings if the \$2000 is not approved this year. He stated that the money was well used. Helen Draper asked what kind of accounting does the Town receive for their funding. Mindy stated that they have a new system of verification and that each party

must bring in back-up verification and documentation. Since last June, the statistical analysis shows servings of 20-25 new families weekly in low to moderate income. The staff records the numbers that come in and the number of visits. Mindy stated that letters are sent out in September or October based on the first nine months. Helen Draper stated that the officials in the Town need to now how much of the Town's money is spent on the Town's people. Kevin Johnson stated that he has volunteered at the Kitchen and stated that the money is used to its best capabilities and that the numbers be accepted as solid. Bob Harcke, first thanked the town for electing him to Budget Committee and stated that the Budget Committee did not recommend this article because they need accountability for the money they spend. They are elected and accountable by the election. He stated that charities are a good thing and if one touches your heart, open your wallet, but since the Budget Committee needs specific data they have not received, they cannot recommend. Scott Talbot stated that the Budget Committee is a "findings" committee and therefore should be out asking for the data. Bob Harcke stated that this \$2,000 is in addition to the \$3,440 for agencies already in the budget. The Budget Committee is just opposed to the lack of detailed information. Gwen Mitchell asked if they served 1000 meals to Town – Mindy said no, 1024 visits – that could be the same 60 people over again. Richard Daschbach stated that it figures to less than \$40 per week and that he doesn't believe it's a con because three churches that have had their meal sites can't all be conned either. Muriel Robbins spoke in favor of the Kitchen and stated that the Ladies Aid and Church donate to Joan's Pantry. JoAnn LaBarre stated that the Town gets requests from four agencies and that if you consider one-all should be considered. Robert Moore, Jr. asked County Commissioner Richard Daschbach how much the County budgets for the Kitchen since the Town pays to the County. Richard stated that it's included in the \$2000 by the County. Questions moved by Catherine Steinhouser and seconded by Kevin Johnson. Article Six voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article Seven - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800) to purchase a sander for the Highway Dept. Motion moved by Wesley Staples and seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. No discussion. Article passes by voice vote.

Article Eight - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to test wells related to the Transfer Station. Article moved by Robert Moore, Jr. and seconded by Linn Starkey, Jr. Scott Talbot questioned if this is required by State law. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that the State requires much more. Barry Shonbeck asked if wells tested would be private wells or dug around. Robert stated there are four dug around and fourteen private. Barry asked just what we are testing for? Robert said "long words" – can't tell you. Arthur Sharkey asked how often these wells are supposed to be tested. Robert stated that he didn't know if there were any set requirements but we're just starting. Roy Swain stated that if household water testing for organics is \$150 – why \$7,500. Robert said they spoke to different agencies and got quotes. They are testing for more than home testing – there are specific contaminants they are looking for. John Fitzpatrick asked if the Selectmen had looked into other sources of funding for this. Robert said no. JoAnn LaBarre stated that there is no funding available until we have to actually close the landfill – then there may be some. Article approved by voice vote.

Article Nine - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to purchase fuel tanks to be located at the Highway garage. Motion moved by Wesley Staples and seconded by Robert Moore, Jr. Michael Reed asked if we currently had some. Wesley said yes, they're twenty years old and the State says we need to do something. Article Nine passes by voice vote.

Article Ten - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to construct a handicap accessible ramp at the Library in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act. Article moved by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Catherine Steinhouser. Article Ten passes by voice vote.

Article Eleven - A special article to see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the Police Cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in this fund. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Motion to move by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Robert Moore, Jr. Thomas Hanna asked what is so

special about this article. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that it's just the wording used by the Department of Revenue. Scott Talbot asked which year we are planning to get this cruiser. The cost new is between \$20,000 and \$22,000. Maybe he should ask his girls to help. Kevin Johnson asked why is this an issue. Linn Starkey, Jr. stated that the constable asked us to start one and we must go this route to establish a new capital reserve fund. David Putnam asked why we pay \$10,000 for a "dog catcher" and asked why we can't contract out as we do for ambulance service. There was an incident this past summer when we waited over 1-½ hours for an elderly concern. JoAnn LaBarre stated that the constable has a budget of \$8,500, uses his own vehicle and just gets gas money. The people like having a constable in Westmoreland that lives in Westmoreland. Richard Daschbach asked if established and we don't use it – what happens to the fund. Linn Starkey, Jr. said we can vote it out at a Town Meeting with 2/3 vote and it will go into the general fund from there. Kevin Johnson stated his concern without a long-range plan. Gary Dennis stated that he would like Constable, Jack Zeller, speak to the Article. Jack stated that he asked \$5,000 to be put in the budget for a start. The State Police will not transport for another district. Jack stated that he was in favor of exploring all options. This isn't his work he lives on. He's been using his pickup truck and now has a cap for stray dogs. Scott Talbot stated more research needs to be done. Julia King questioned a lease of an appropriate vehicle. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that he's not sure - there is no immediate issue-this is just an article to start the fund. Arthur Sharkey asked what happened to the old cruiser. Robert stated that the Town put it out to bid and he bought it for \$500. Linn Starkey, Jr. moved questions and Lloyd Draper seconded. Article Eleven passes by voice vote.

Article Twelve - A special article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the transfer of funds from the Dec. 31, 1997 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. (The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)

Motion to move by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Robert Moore, Jr. Robert Moore, Jr. spoke to the article stating that we received \$6,100 for the sale of the old highway truck and want it set aside for highway equipment. Moved questions by Jack Maxson and seconded by Julia King. Article twelve approved by voice vote.

Article Thirteen – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$453,955.00, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Motion to move by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Robert Moore, Jr. Timothy DeFreitas moved to amend the article by reducing it by \$2,000 because of the appropriation to the Community Kitchen. Patricia Bentrup stated that Budget Committees handout was off by \$10,000. Robert Moore, Jr. said to see page 17. Michael Reed asked to have amended motion repeated. Sarah Bonneau questioned point of order. Moderator, Carlson Barrett affirmed all okay. JoAnn LaBarre stated figures in Town Report were correct – same ones used on MS5 sent to State. Kathy DeFreitas reaffirmed the figure. Scott Talbot asked if line 4415 under Health Agencies, if the deduction is from this – page 22 for details. JoAnn LaBarre stated that by removing \$2,000, this leaves the Town \$1200 short to fulfill other agency needs. Michael Reed stated that reducing the \$2,000 from the total is not specific. Timothy DeFreitas stated that the Selectmen would spread the cut to appropriate articles. Amendment does not pass by voice vote. Original Article Thirteen passes by voice vote.

Article Fourteen – To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

David Putnam asked that he would like it noted that we recognize R. Bruce Smith for serving twelve years as moderator. Voted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Linn Starkey, Jr. and seconded by Robert Moore, Jr. Voted in the affirmative by voice vote at 8:35 PM

Unapproved minutes.

Cindi H. Adler
Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

	Actual Appropriation 1998	Actual Expenditures 1998	Selectmen's Budget 1999	Budget Committee Recommended 1999
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130 Executive	31,200	32,512	32,600	32,600
4140 Elec., Reg., & Vital Stats.	7,600	7,749	7,850	7,850
4150 Financial Administration	12,700	11,783	13,250	13,250
4153 Legal Expenses	4,000	88	4,000	4,000
4155 Worker's Compensation	1,000	930	630	630
4191 Planning & Zoning	1,200	758	1,450	1,450
4194 General Government Bldg.	19,380	18,209	19,380	19,380
4195 Cemeteries	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
4196 Insurance-Contingency Fund	2,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210 Police	8,500	7,606	8,500	8,500
4215 Ambulance	8,000	7,089	8,000	8,000
4220 Fire & Rescue	17,000	16,946	19,050	19,050
4240 Building Inspection	1,000	2,103	1,000	1,000
4290 Emergency Management	1,015	175	1,015	1,015
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311 Highway Administration	85,000	80,430	87,850	87,850
4312 Highways & Streets	134,560	133,683	140,860	140,860
4316 Street Lighting	2,600	2,467	2,600	2,600
4319 Road Improvements	0	0	20,000	20,000
SANITATION				
4324 Solid Waste & Recycling	49,250	49,651	49,905	49,905
HEALTH				
4411 Health Officer	55	54	55	55
4414 Animal Control	200	0	200	200
4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals	5440	3,940	4,140	4,140
WELFARE				
4441 Welfare Officer	55	54	55	55
4442 Direct Assistance	3,000	1,064	3,000	3,000

	Actual Appropriation 1998	Actual Expenditures 1998	Selectmen's Budget 1999	Budget Committee Recommended 1999
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520 Parks & Recreation	3,000	3,412	5,900	5,900
4550 Library	14,000	14,000	16,000	16,000
4583 Patriotic Purposes	200	104	200	200
CONSERVATION				
4611 Conservation Commission	500	269	1,000	1,000
DEBT SERVICE				
4711 Principal - Grader	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
4711 Principal - Fire Truck	0	0	11,000	11,000
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans	3,000	2,880	5,000	5,000
4723 Interest on TAN	10,000	5,989	10,000	10,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901 *Road Improvements	20,000	20,000	0	0
4902 Fire Truck (to reduce loan)	10,000	10,000	0	0
4902 *Sander - Highway Department	3,800	3,094	0	0
4902 *Tank - Fire Department	15,000	14,168	0	0
4903 *Library Ramp	6,500	6,500	0	0
4903 *Repairs/Library	0	0	15,000	15,000
4909 *Fuel Tanks	6,000	6,000	0	0
4909 *Testing Wells	7,500	5,700	0	0
(4909 Fire Works/Old Home Day (Art. #8) \$7,500 Not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee)				
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915 *Capital Res-Highway Equip.	6,000	0	6,000	6,000
4915 *Capital Res-Police Cruiser	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Operating Budget				
*Special/Individual Articles	\$455,955	\$435,424	\$496,990	\$496,990
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$67,300	\$57,962	\$23,500	\$23,500
	\$523,255	\$493,386	\$520,490	\$520,490
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes				
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				
				\$342,222
				\$178,268
Budget Comm.:			Robert Hardske, Chair, Patricia Bentrup, Lloyd Draper, Frances Laurent, Michael Acerno	

SOURCES OF REVENUE		Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues
		1998	1998	1999
<u>TAXES</u>				
3120	Land Use Change Tax	1,000	8,048	2,500
3180	Resident Taxes	8,800	9,330	8,600
3185	Yield Taxes	10,000	10,323	10,000
3187	Excavation Tax	0	0	500
3188	Excavation Activity Tax	0	1,020	1,020
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	15,000	25,668	20,000
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES</u>				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	0	374	800
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	180,000	192,162	185,000
3230	Building Permits	1,000	2171	1,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,800	2,855	2,800
<u>FROM STATE</u>				
3351	Shared Revenue	15,000	40,034	10,000
3352	Rooms & Meals	13,000	24,958	24,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	57,371	57,371	56,132
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	20	22	20
3359	Other	200	214	200
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>				
3401	Income from Departments	2,500	2,838	2,500
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	0	2,500	0
3502	Interest	5,000	14,859	10,500
3503	Rent of Property	4,200	4,350	4,400
3504	Forest Fire Reimb. - Individual	0	175	0
3506	Insurance Reimbursement	1,000	5,544	2,000
3508	Other	8,000	7,592	450
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
3439	Items Voted from Surplus	6,000	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		\$330,891	\$412,408	\$342,222

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Inventory of Valuation

Current Use Land	\$1,819,770
Residential Land	\$27,676,400
Commercial Land	\$2,573,700
Mixed Use	\$1,899,200
Residential Buildings	\$59,615,800
Manufactured Housing	\$287,000
Commercial Buildings	\$2,065,700
Public Utilities-Electric	<u>\$954,400</u>
TAXABLE VALUE PRIOR TO EXEMPTIONS	\$96,891,970
Exemptions to Value	<u>227,200</u>
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE	\$96,664,770

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall - Land & Buildings	\$271,700
Town Hall - Furniture & Equipment	\$15,000
Library - Land & Buildings	\$81,900
Library - Furniture & Equipment	\$10,000
Police Department - Equipment	\$2,500
Fire Department - Land & Buildings	\$94,600
Fire Department - Equipment	\$100,000
Highway Department - Land & Buildings	\$51,500
Highway Department - Equipment	\$120,000
Highway Department - Material & Supplies	\$5,000
Parks, Common & Playgrounds	\$100,500
School - Land & Buildings	\$787,300
School - Equipment	\$65,000
Historical Building & Contents	\$70,000
Transfer Station - Land & Buildings	\$54,500
Misc. Land (8 properties)	<u>\$211,200</u>
 TOTAL	 \$2,040,700

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1998

EXPENDITURE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:

Secretary Salary	18,200.00
Selectmen Salaries	3,000.00
Moderator Salary	75.00
Trustees Trust Funds Salaries	150.00
Town Share Health Insurance	2,942.16
Town Share Retirement	770.31
Town Share FICA & Medicare	1,642.92
Printing	1,792.00
Dues	654.50
Notices	76.00
Equipment Agreements/Repairs	684.95
Supplies	432.11
Postage & PO Fees	497.25
Publications	35.00
Other	<u>1,559.89</u>
	32,512.09

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk Salary	600.00
Town Clerk Fees	4,092.50
Supervisors of the Checklist Salaries	250.00
Ballot Clerk Salaries	300.00
Election Fees	200.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	370.55
Printing	99.00
Town Clerk Dues	35.00
Notices	126.43
Election Day Dinners	120.00
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	685.52
Vital Statistics	534.00
Town Clerk Supplies	293.67
Postage	<u>42.00</u>
	7,748.67

4150 Financial Administration:

Tax Collector Salary	2,400.00
Tax Collector Fees	2,224.00
Auditor Salaries	200.00
Treasurer Salary	2,950.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	594.76
Bank Charges	36.00
Printing	785.25
Dues	75.00
Property Assessing	1,226.00
Registry of Deeds/Probate	240.08
Treasurer Supplies	104.06
Postage	<u>947.47</u>
	11,782.62

4153 Legal Expenses 87.50

4155 Worker's Compensation 930.40

4191 Planning & Zoning:	
Clerk Fees/ZBA	50.00
Notices	179.64
Registry of Deeds/PB	113.60
Supplies	175.91
Postage	210.58
Other	<u>28.00</u>
	757.73
4194 General Government Buildings:	
Custodian Salary	3,025.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	231.44
Telephone	565.02
Mowing	1,070.00
Electricity	1,108.87
Heat	1,385.41
Property Insurance	962.00
Gas	77.59
Liability Insurance	2,961.00
Repairs & Maintenance	6,707.47
Supplies	<u>115.66</u>
	18,209.46
4195 Cemeteries	4,500.00
4196 Contingency Fund	1,000.00
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	
4210 Police Department:	
Constable Salary	6,000.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	459.00
E&O Insurance	987.00
Operation – Gasoline	52.75
Supplies	<u>106.78</u>
	7,605.53
4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service	7,088.81
4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:	
Training	550.00
Electricity	611.98
Heat	878.44
E&O Insurance	583.00
Life Insurance	192.00
Vehicle Insurance	2,736.00
Dues	135.52
Repairs/Equipment	10,837.25
Vehicle Fuel	316.35
Vehicle Inspection	<u>105.00</u>
	16,945.54
4240 Building Inspection:	
Building Inspector Salary	1,953.86
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>149.47</u>
	2,103.33
4290 Emergency Management:	
Forest Fire Control	175.38

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311 Highway Administration:

Road Agent Salary	29,511.10
Assistant Road Agent Salary	21,125.70
Part Time Salaries	15,264.76
Town Share Health Insurance	7,347.72
Town Share FICA & Medicare	5,041.39
Town Share Retirement	<u>2,139.05</u>
	80,429.72

4312 Highways & Streets:

Telephone	634.83
Drug/Alcohol Testing	225.00
Electricity	1,079.63
Heating Fuel	1,146.74
Hired Equipment	4,037.50
Vehicle Insurance	2,166.00
Repairs & Parts	12,970.22
Tires	2,946.00
Culverts	1,947.00
Sand & Gravel	23,507.55
Paving- Asphalt	41,747.06
Paving-Shimming	13,221.50
Salt & Chloride	21,692.22
Vehicle Fuel	5,879.42
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	70.00
Other	<u>392.60</u>
	133,663.27

4316 Street Lighting	2,466.65
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SANITATION

4324 Solid Waste Disposal:

Recycling Employee	3,198.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	244.71
Telephone	464.04
Disposal Service (less recycling credits)	42,000.00
Hauling	3,050.00
Electricity	360.79
Other	<u>333.29</u>
	49,650.83

HEALTH & WELFARE

4411 Health Administration:

Health Officer Salary	50.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>3.83</u>
	53.83

4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals:

Family Services	1,640.00
Home Health Care	300.00
Community Kitchen	<u>2,000.00</u>
	3,940.00

4441 Welfare Administration:

Welfare Officer Salary	50.00
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>3.83</u>
	53.83

4442 Welfare Direct Assistance	1,063.67
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CULTURE & RECREATION

4520 Park & Recreation:

Mowing 3,412.50

4550 Library:

Library Salaries 10,228.00

Town Share FICA & Medicare 782.41

Appropriation 2,989.59

14,000.00

4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags 104.31

CONSERVATION

4611 Conservation:

Commission Dues 150.00

Other 119.00

269.00

DEBT SERVICE

4711 Grader 16,000.00

4721 Interest on Long Term Loans 2,880.00

4723 Short Term Interest on TAN 5,989.04

24,869.04

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4901 Road Improvements/Highway 20,000.00

4902 Fire Truck 10,000.00

4902 Sander/Highway 3,093.99

4902 Tank/Fire Department 14,168.00

4903 Ramp/Library 6,500.00

4909 Fuel Tanks/Highway 6,000.00

4909 Testing Wells/Sanitation 5,700.00

65,461.99

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4915 Police Cruiser 2,500.00

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES \$493,385.70

'97 Accounts Payable 8,106.68

Abatements 1,654.00

Conservation Grant 360.00

County Taxes 206,332.00

Investment Transfer to NHPDIP 1,075,000.00

Refund of overpayment of motor vehicle registration 96.00

Refund of overpayment of property taxes 2,859.34

Reserved Funds – Fire Truck 74,966.00

Reserved Funds – Town Hall 2,150.00

School District 1,596,084.00

Short Term Principal (TAN) 475,000.00

Taxes Bought By Town 74,886.83

Transfer of Investment (Capital Reserve) 6,000.00

Trust Funds 1,452.37

TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES \$3,524,947.22

GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS \$4,018,332.92

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$31,200.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	7,600.00
Financial Administration	12,700.00
Legal Expense	4,000.00
Worker's Compensation	1,000.00
Planning & Zoning	1,200.00
General Government Building	19,380.00
Cemeteries	4,500.00
Contingency Fund	2,000.00
Police	8,500.00
Ambulance	8,000.00
Fire & Rescue	17,000.00
Building Inspector	1,000.00
Emergency Management	1,015.00
Highways & Streets	219,560.00
Street Lighting	2,600.00
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	49,250.00
Animal Control	200.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	5,440.00
Health Officer	55.00
Welfare - Direct Assistance	3,000.00
Welfare Officer	55.00
Parks & Recreation	3,000.00
Library	14,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	200.00
Conservation Commission	500.00
Debt. Service - Grader	16,000.00
Interest on TAN	10,000.00
Interest on Long Term Loans	3,000.00
Fire Truck	10,000.00
Sander/Highway	3,800.00
Tank/Fire Department	15,000.00
Ramp/Library	6,500.00
Fuel Tanks/Highway	6,000.00
Testing Wells/Sanitation	7,500.00
Road Improvements	20,000.00
Capital Reserve - Highway Equip.	6,000.00
Capital Reserve - Police Cruiser	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	\$523,255.00
Less Revenues	395,036.00
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	128,219.00
NET SCHOOL TAX ASSESSMENT	1,729,250.00
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	<u>206,332.00</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$2,063,801.00
Less Shared Revenue	30,348.00
Add-War Service Credits	10,500.00
Add - Overlay	<u>10,173.00</u>
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$2,054,126.00
Less-War Service Credits	<u>10,500.00</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$2,043,626.00

1998 Tax Rate:

School	\$17.66
County	\$2.12
Town	\$1.47
	\$21.25

FINANCIAL REPORT

Board of Selectmen
For the Year Ending December 31, 1998
Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$58,583.61
Cash Investment		997,923.63
Capital Reserve Funds (RSA Chap 35)		38,736.00
Recreation Fund		1,568.69
Unredeemed Taxes:		
	Prior Taxes	1,537.01
	Levy of 1996	42,699.94
	Levy of 1997	64,190.16
Uncollected Taxes:		
	Levy of 1998 (including all Taxes)	218,153.85
	Prior (including all Taxes)	4,297.00
Less Allowance for Abatements		(20,434.43)
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,407,255.46

Liabilities & Equities

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
	Accounts Payable (Dec. 1998)	\$5,846.78
	Recreation Fund	1,568.69
	School Tax Payable	1,142,250.00
Capital Reserve Funds:		38,736.00
	Highway Truck	7,205.57
	Revaluation	29,024.90
	Cruiser	2,505.53
Grants:		54.66
	Due to Fire & Rescue	38.41
	Due to Conservation Comm.	16.25
Bills Outstanding:		9,408.33
	Town Hall Emergency Doors	2,000.00
	Library Ramp	6,500.00
	Highway Tanks	908.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		\$1,197,864.46
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 1997		164,156.07
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 1998		<u>45,234.93</u>
TOTAL CURRENT SURPLUS		\$209,391.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,407,255.46

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOTAL CASH ON HAND - January 1, 1998		\$863,339.86
On Deposit in NOW Account	81,782.71	
On Deposit in Investment Account	781,557.15	

Received from:

Cindi Adler, Collector	2,222,663.29
Treasurer, State of NH	122,598.32
Borrowing	475,000.00
Interest on Deposited Funds	14,859.08
Licenses & Permits	197,658.21
Charges for Services	4,850.08
Insurance Reimbursements	5,543.45
Other Local Sources	950,974.81

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,994,147.24
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GRAND TOTAL	\$4,857,487.10
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Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	4,018,332.92
Accounts Payable - Dec.'98	5,846.78
A/P Reserved for TH Emergency Doors	2,000.00
A/P Reserved for Highway Tanks	908.33
A/R Reserved for Library Ramp	6,500.00

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	\$4,003,077.81
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CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1998	\$854,409.29
Plus: Change in Position- Investment Account	\$202,097.95

TOTAL CASH ON HAND - December 31, 1998	\$1,056,507.24
On Deposit in NOW Account	58,583.61
On Deposit in Investment Account	997,923.63

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Cindi Adler, Collector:

Property Taxes, Levy of 1998	1,832,805.49
Property Taxes, Levy of 1997	154,953.29
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	9,646.42
Resident Taxes, 1998 & Delinquent	8,080.00
Land Use Change Tax	2,508.00
Yield Taxes	10,753.00
Excavation Activity Tax	1,020.00
Property Tax Sale/Tax Liens	186,875.76
Interest and Costs on Tax Liens	16,021.33
Total from Collector	\$2,222,663.29

From Treasurer, State of NH:

Highway Block Grant	57,371.01
Revenue Distribution	40,033.76

Rooms & Meals Distribution	24,957.50	
Other from State	236.05	
Total from Treasurer, State of NH		\$122,598.32
From Borrowing:		
Tax Anticipation	475,000.00	
Total from Borrowing		\$475,000.00
Income from Deposited Funds:		
NOW Account Interest	590.55	
Investment Account Interest	14,268.53	
Total from Interest on Deposited Funds		\$14,859.08
From Licenses & Permits:		
U.C.C. Fees	374.00	
Motor Vehicle Permits	191,812.00	
Motor Vehicle Overpayment	96.00	
Motor Vehicle Application File Fee	350.00	
Building Permits	2,170.96	
Property Tax Receipt Fee	1.75	
Dog Licenses and Fees	1,062.50	
Marriage Licenses	370.00	
Vital Statistics Requests	648.00	
Pistol Permits	240.00	
Planning & Zoning Hearings	395.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	7.00	
Junk Yard Permits	25.00	
Current Use Fees	96.00	
NSF Fees	10.00	
Total of Licenses and Permit Fees		\$197,658.21
From Charges for Services:		
Post Office Rental	4,000.08	
Town Hall Rental	350.00	
Highway Department Services	500.00	
Total Charges for Services		\$4,850.08
From Insurance Reimbursements:		
Workers Comp Audit Refund	964.00	
Liability Dividend	2,849.56	
Liability Reimbursement	1,729.89	
Total from Insurance Reimbursement		\$5,543.45
From Other Local Sources:		
Ambulance	188.76	
Westmoreland School District (Mowing)	1,400.00	
Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Gas	316.35	
Welfare Reimbursement	433.11	
Town History Sales	477.50	
Fire/Rescue Association- Tank	7,084.00	
Trust Funds	1,452.37	
Copies & Postage	18.25	
Miscellaneous	87.50	

Sale of Town Owned Equipment-Fire Truck	2,500.00	
Forest Fire Reimbursement-Individual	175.39	
Proceeds LT Note-Fire Truck	53,939.53	
Investment Transfer From NHPDIP	872,902.05	
Appropriation 1998 -Toward Fire Truck	10,000.00	
Total from Other Local Sources		\$950,974.81

GRAND TOTAL - ALL RECEIPTS **\$3,994,147.24**

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Executive Office	32,512.09	
Elec., Reg., Vital Statistics	7,748.67	
Financial Administration	11,782.62	
Legal Expenses	87.50	
Worker's Compensation	930.40	
Planning & Zoning	757.73	
General Government Buildings	18,209.46	
Cemeteries	4,500.00	
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	
Police Department	7,605.53	
Ambulance	7,088.81	
Fire & Rescue Departments	16,945.54	
Building Inspection	2,103.33	
Emergency Management	175.38	
Highway Administration	80,429.72	
General Highway Expenses	133,663.27	
Street Lighting	2,466.65	
Solid Waste Disposal	49,650.83	
Health Administration	53.83	
Health Agencies/Hospitals	3,940.00	
Welfare Administration	53.83	
General Welfare Assistance	1,063.67	
Parks & Recreation	3,412.50	
Library	14,000.00	
Patriotic Purposes	104.31	
Conservation Commission	150.00	
Other	119.00	
Debt. Service - Grader	16,000.00	
Interest on Loans	2,880.00	
Interest on TAN	5,989.04	
Road Improvements	20,000.00	
Fire Truck	10,000.00	
Sander/Highway	3,093.99	
Tank/Fire Department	14,168.00	
Ramp/Library	6,500.00	
Fuel Tanks/Highway	6,000.00	
Testing Wells/Sanitation	5,700.00	
Capital Reserve - Police Cruiser	2,500.00	
Trust Funds	1,452.37	
Short Term Principal	475,000.00	
County Tax	206,332.00	

Taxes Bought By Town	74,886.83	
Westmoreland School District	1,596,084.00	
Abatements	1,654.00	
Refund of Overpayment of Prop. Taxes	2,859.34	
Refund of Overpayment of Motor Vehicle Registrations	96.00	
97 Accounts Payable	8,106.68	
Conservation Commission Grant	360.00	
Investment Transfer to NHPDIP	1,075,000.00	
Reserved Funds- Fire Truck	74,966.00	
Reserved Funds- Town Hall	2,150.00	
Transfer of Investment (Capital Reserve)	6,000.00	
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$4,018,332.92

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

Investment Account - NHPDIP
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance - January 1, 1998	\$781,557.15
Deposits in 1998	\$1,075,000.00
Withdrawals in 1998	\$872,902.05
Interest Earned in 1998	\$14,268.53
Balance - December 31, 1998	\$997,923.63

Recreation Fund

Balance - December 31, 1997	\$1,537.66
Interest Credited- 1998	\$31.03
Balance - December 31, 1998	\$1,568.69

LOANS OUTSTANDING

- Grader Loan- Connecticut River Bank
 - Date of Loan- 12/29/95
 - Amount of Loan- \$80,000
 - Rate of Loan- 6.00%
 - Length of Loan- 5 years
 - Payment per year- \$16,000 plus interest
 - Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/98) - \$32,000.00 plus interest

- Fire Truck Loan- Connecticut River Bank
 - Date of Loan- 12/17/98
 - Amount of Loan- \$53,939.53
 - Rate of Loan- 4.950%
 - Length of Loan- 5 years
 - Payment per year- \$10,792.91 plus interest
 - Amount owed on loan (as of 12/31/98) - \$53,939.53 plus interest

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Accounts – Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:

Property Tax	1998	1997	Prior
Resident Tax		224,076.00	
Yield Tax		1,710.00	1,260.00
		1,401.00	

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Tax	2,043,613.00		
Resident Tax	8,600.00		
Land Use Change	8,048.00		
Yield Tax	10,323.00		
Excavation Activity Tax	1,020.00		

Added Taxes:

Resident Tax	650.00	20.00	20.00
Overpayment – Property Taxes	2,859.34		
Interest on Property Taxes	498.84	3,327.46	
Receipt Fees	1.75		
Collected Resident Tax Penalties	13.00	19.00	21.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,075,626.93	\$230,553.46	\$1,301.00

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Tax	1,832,805.49	154,953.29	
Resident Tax	7,630.00	220.00	200.00
Land Use Change	2,508.00		
Yield Tax	10,089.00	664.00	
Interest	498.84	3,327.46	
Receipt Fees	1.75		
Penalties	13.00	19.00	21.00
Conversion to Lien		69,122.71	
Excavation Activity Tax	1,020.00		

Abateents Allowed:

Property Tax	1,907.00		
Resident Tax			
Yield Tax	1,000.00		

Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:

Property Tax	211,759.85		
Resident Tax	1,620.00	1,510.00	1,080.00
Land Use Change	4,540.00		
Yield Tax	234.00	737.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,075,626.93	\$1,003.00	\$1,301.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

DEBITS

	Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies of:			
	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Fiscal Year:				
		83,794.58	64,883.57	5,635.75
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	74,886.83			
Interests & Costs Collected After Lien Execution:	773.67	2,823.52	10,479.54	1,944.60
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$75,660.50</u>	<u>\$86,618.10</u>	<u>\$75,363.11</u>	<u>\$7,580.35</u>
CREDITS				
Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:				
Redemptions	9,916.00	40,345.21	62,583.06	4,908.78
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	773.67	2,823.52	10,479.54	1,944.60
Liens Deeded to Municipality Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	780.67	749.43	763.50	726.97
	64,190.16	42,699.94	1,537.01	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$75,660.50</u>	<u>\$86,618.10</u>	<u>\$75,363.11</u>	<u>\$7,580.35</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation	Receipts	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance/Overdraft
4130	Executive	\$31,200	\$1,445	\$32,512	\$133
4140	Elec. Reg. VS	7,600	1,018	\$8,618	\$869
4150	Financial Ad.	12,700	106	\$12,806	\$1,023
4153	Legal Expenses	4,000		\$4,000	\$3,912
4155	Worker's Comp.	1,000	964	\$1,964	\$1,034
4191	Planning & Zoning	1,200		\$1,200	\$1,112
4194	Gov't. Buildings	19,380	7,503	\$26,883	\$8,674
4195	Cemeteries	4,500		\$4,500	\$0
4196	Contingency Fund	2,000		\$2,000	\$1,000
4210	Police	8,500		\$8,500	\$894
4215	Ambulance	8,000	189	\$8,189	\$1,100
4220	Fire & Rescue	17,000		\$17,000	\$54
4240	Building Inspec.	1,000		\$1,000	(\$1,103)
4290	Emergency Mgt.	1,015	175	\$1,190	\$1,015
4311	Highway Admin.	85,000		\$85,000	\$4,570
4312	Highway & Streets	134,560	766	\$135,326	\$1,663
4316	Street Lighting	2,600		\$2,600	\$133
4324	Solid Waste	49,250		\$49,250	(\$401)
4411	Health Officer	55		\$55	\$1
4414	Animal Control	200		\$200	\$200
4415	Health Ag/Hosp.	5,440		\$5,440	\$1,500
4441	Welfare Officer	55		\$55	\$1
4442	Direct Assistance	3,000	433	\$3,433	\$2,369
4520	Parks & Rec.	3,000	1,400	\$4,400	\$988
4550	Library	14,000		\$14,000	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	200		\$200	\$96
4611	Conservation	500		\$500	\$231
4711	Grader Payment	16,000		\$16,000	\$0
4721	Interest-Long Term	3,000		\$3,000	\$120
4723	Interest on TAN	10,000		\$10,000	\$4,011
4901	Road Improvements	20,000		\$20,000	\$0
4902	Fire Truck	10,000		\$10,000	\$0
4902	Sander	3,800		\$3,800	\$706
4902	Tank	15,000	7084	\$22,084	\$7,916
4903	Library Ramp	6,500		\$6,500	\$0
4909	Fuel Tanks	6,000		\$6,000	\$0
4909	Testing Wells	7,500		\$7,500	\$1,800
4915	CR - Highway	6,000		\$6,000	\$6,000
4915	CR - Cruiser	2,500		\$2,500	\$0
	TOTALS	\$523,255	\$21,083	\$544,338	\$50,952

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

Our history tells us that in 1820 Heber Cole planted the row of maples that grace the front wall of the North Cemetery. It most likely never occurred to Mr. Heber that 178 years later, those of us who followed him as residents of Westmoreland would have to make the decision to cut down some of those same elegant trees. Unfortunately, the trees that stood guard over all those buried within their borders are now threatening to damage the memorials erected to honor Mr. Cole and his fellow neighbors.

Three trees had to be totally removed and branches pruned from others. We would like to thank Phil Hall for his donation toward this endeavor. The South Cemetery also had three trees and miscellaneous branches cut.

We continue to work away at repairing stones. In late fall, we contracted with McKim Mitchell of Chesterfield and he was able to repair three stones in the North Cemetery this year. We look forward to working with McKim in the spring. Stone repair, as you can imagine, will be an ongoing project for years to come.

Any questions regarding cemeteries, perpetual care or lot purchases can be directed to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Trustees
Don Hall
Carlson Barrett
JoAnn LaBarre

INCOME

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 1998	\$2,500.48
Town Appropriation	\$4,500.00
Trust Fund Interest	3,991.45
Savings Account Interest	90.99
Sale of lots	400.00
New Trust Funds	500.00
Donation for tree cutting	<u>250.00</u>
	\$9,732.44

EXPENSES

Troop #306 BSA – donation	100.00
New Hampshire Cemetery Association – dues	10.00
Tree cutting	2,425.00
Stone repair	228.00
Don Hall - poison ivy killer	36.00
NHPDIP - new perpetual care investment	600.00
Mowing – all cemeteries	<u>5175.00</u>
	\$8,574.00
Balance as of December 31, 1998	\$3,658.92

WESTMORELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

1998 proved to be a busy year for the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. The department responded to a total of 147 fire and rescue calls, the most calls for a year in the history of the department. These 147 calls consumed nearly 600 person-hours alone. Along with fire and rescue calls, the department conducted and participated in over 200 hours of training of the 24 fire and rescue personnel.

The Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department active roster stands at 24 fire and rescue personnel, with 7 personnel being Emergency Medical Technician qualified. The department has welcomed three new members during the 1998 year.

Besides responding to calls and conducting training, the department was also involved with numerous other activities. Improvements to the station included paint in the Rescue bay, a new ceiling, new lighting and an installation of a fire alarm system.

Equipment improvements included receipt of the town's new pumper in March. A Central State truck on a Freightliner chassis. The tanker trucks were also repaired this year with Tanker 1 receiving a new poly-tank and Tanker 2 having the inside of the tank coated with a protective cover.

The department also hosted a small fund-raiser in May, the Forest Fire Warden's Association and sponsored it's annual Chicken Barbecue at the end of June.

Fire prevention week was a success with visits to the Westmoreland School in October to talk about fire safety and the "Great Escape" with Kindergarten through Fifth grade. A visit from the Kindergarten and Fourth grades to the station was also part of the week's activities.

A major house fire was one of the calls for this year. A good stop was made by the department, saving a great majority of the owner's belongings.

Once again, we would like to ask for your help by putting your house numbers on either your house (if visible from the road), your mail box (both sides), or on a post at the end of your driveway. This will aid us in reaching your emergency quicker.

If you are aware of any Westmoreland town resident who is in need of a wheel chair, walker, port-a-potty, or crutches (or has one to donate), please do not hesitate to contact a member of the department.

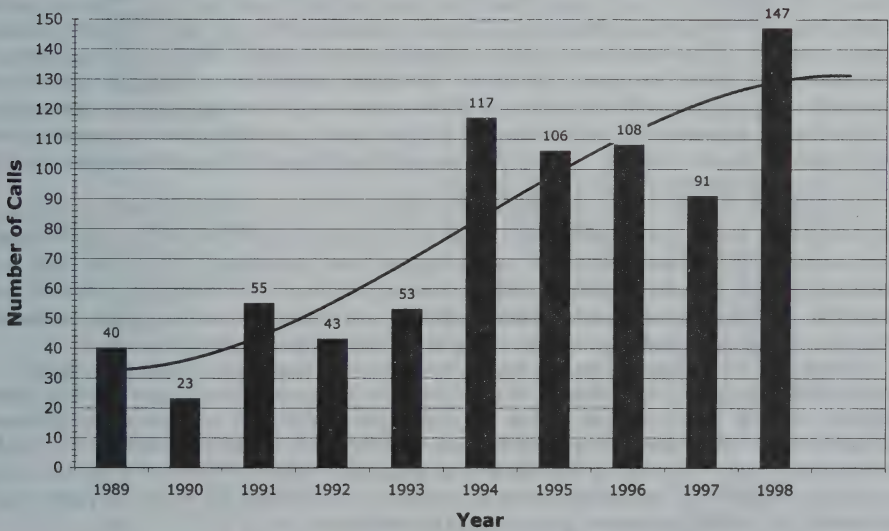
Any Westmoreland resident wishing to become a member of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department may join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the fire station. The members of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire and Rescue would like to thank the citizens of Westmoreland for your outstanding support this past year.

Respectfully submitted:
Harry Nelson, Chief

1998 FIRE & RESCUE CALLS

Type	Number of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
Automatic Fire Alarms:		
Water Treatment Plant	2	8.7
Country Jail	14	17.6
Nursing Home	10	34.6
Private Residence	4	7.0
Brush Fires	2	22.4
Car Fires	2	6.6
Chimney Fires	3	16.6
Downed Wires/Transformer	3	12.7
Good Intent/Smoke Investig.	4	30.4
Gas/Oil Leak	3	17.6
Mutual Aid:		
Fire	3	20.2
Motor Veh Accidents/JAWS	3	17.4
Medical Emergencies:		
County Jail	6	11.3
Maplewood Nursing Home	8	20.9
Other	49	155.1
Structure Fires	1	59.5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	18	123.9
Public Assist	12	16.5
Total	147	599

Number of Calls per Year



PUBLIC LIBRARY

As we look back over the past year, the most important events speak to the Library's future. Plans are now underway for an addition to serve as a children's room and meeting room, to build a ramp into this addition, and to renovate, including replacing the roof and windows of the existing building. The convergence of these plans was made possible by a generous gift, donated anonymously, which the Library intends to match over the next year through vigorous fundraising. As part of this process, the Library held a Lasagna Supper that was attended by 44 persons. We are now under contract with Architect David Cotton, and are taking necessary first steps toward this goal.

Programs this year revolved around the State-wide Summer Reading Program theme "Live Free and Read." Participants in the program visited Fort No. 4, and a special tour of the Wise Mine, led by Mr. Bob Borofsky. Other programs included teaching about rocks & minerals, making historical costumes for the Old Home Day Parade, nature walks, and colonial craft day. 104 participated in these events and received gift certificates from the Toadstool Bookshop, Oasis, and Earth Treasures. Although we did not receive the grant for an artist performance, a gift from the Friends of the Library made it possible for us to invite Mary DesRosiers to give her presentation of songs and stories about NH. We also celebrated Nat'l Library Week with a story hour & activity revolving around flight. Susanne Bates held Story Hour for 3 & 4 year olds 25 times, with a total of 73 participants. The 1st Grade visited every other Thurs. during the school year.

The Director participated in the Westmoreland School Read Aloud Program, and attended Nubanusit Coop Conferences on Ebsco Host, and a workshop on Bell-Atlantic and Telecommunications. A workshop on Telnet, an internet program for interlibrary loan, and e-mail, was attended by Director and Assistant Librarian. In February, we connected to the Internet, through MonadNet Service Provider. Bell-Atlantic installed a free phone line for our computer valid until February 2000. We are planning to be ready for the year 2000, by a full backup of all our programs, fixing the date, and if necessary, purchasing new software for our bookkeeping. An inventory of all adult fiction and non-fiction has been completed. In the coming year, an inventory of juvenile literature will be finished.

Awards included a gift from the Children's Literacy Foundation, a new organization located in Hanover. We made \$300 at our Annual Book Sale, including the Friends' tag sale. This was matched by a \$600 donation. Mr. Duncan McDougall, Director, presented 58 books, many of them Newbery and Caldecott winners, at our Open House on Dec. 10, attended by 38 people. We are privileged to be one of 6 libraries in NH and VT to receive this grant. The Library applied for a grant from the Schools and Libraries Corp. This grant will reduce the cost of telecommunications for telephone and internet fees.

We received a substantial number of memorial gifts that made it possible to purchase many more books than originally thought possible. In addition, donated books, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, videos and audio tapes supplemented our collection.

Circulation statistics for the year include: The Library was open 148 days, with an average daily circulation of 33 items. 2,458 patrons checked out 4,756 materials: 74% was fiction, and 70 were Large Print books. We borrowed 254 books on Interlibrary Loan, and loaned 42 to other libraries. We purchased 242 books, and 268 donated volumes were acquisitioned. We withdrew 368 books from our collection. The computer was used 78 times by patrons, and 64 patrons used the library for reading and research. 36 reference questions were answered, and 47 new patrons were issued cards.

This year, we had the furnace cleaned, the fire extinguisher serviced, and replaced some lighting. To summarize, the Library is evaluating all of its programs and assets. Volunteer involvement keeps the programs running. They clocked in 266 hours this year. Volunteer carpenters Jim Edmonds and Maitland Hudson spent many extra hours building shelves for our growing collection. We are here to serve the community and welcome your ideas as we proceed to realize our dream of a new kind of library where more children may be accommodated for programs, art activities, and where the public may meet for a writing or investment seminar, a local history presentation or a book and author talk.

Respectfully submitted, Maisie Crowther, Director

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Report – 1998

INFLOWS

Adjustment, Savings Bk of Walpole		\$0.20
Book Replace		\$30.00
Book Sale		\$243.37
Book Sale - special books		\$81.00
Contributions		\$159.58
Fundraising		\$239.00
Gifts: Memorial Fund	\$1,715.00	
Gifts - Other	\$1,253.00	
Total Gifts		\$2,968.00
Interest Earned: CD	\$769.57	
Checking	\$56.27	
Trust Funds	\$996.71	
Total Interest Earned		\$1,822.55
Jotham Lord Fund		\$128.94
Other income		\$7.50
Out of Town card		\$5.00
Overdue books		\$20.00
Town Appropriation:		
Library Appropriation	\$2,989.59	
Library Salaries	\$10,228.00	
Library FICA & Medi	\$782.41	
Total Town Appropriation		\$14,000.00
TOTAL INLOWS		\$19,705.14

OUTFLOWS

Books		\$2,784.94
Computer		\$369.17
Dues		\$57.00
Electricity		\$335.60
Equipment & repair		\$117.00
Heat (Gas)		\$1,219.45
Magazines		\$281.19
Maintenance		\$47.00
Other		\$6.00
Photocopying		\$3.31
Postage		\$87.51
Salaries: Salaries	\$10,228.00	
FICA & Medi	\$782.41	
Total Salaries		\$11,010.41
Summer Program		\$100.00
Supplies		\$200.29
Telephone		\$664.99
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		\$17,283.86

OVERALL TOTAL \$2,421.28

Checking Account Balance 12/31/97	\$3,166.52	
CD Account Balance 12/31/97	\$14,746.28	
Balance on Hand 12/31/97		\$17,912.80
Change in Position		\$2,421.28
		\$20,334.08
Checking Account Balance 12/31/98	\$4,818.23	
CD Account Balance 12/31/98	\$15,515.85	
Balance on Hand 12/31/98		\$20,334.08

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency - 911

Non-Emergency - 352-1291

1998, as usual was a busy year for your police department. There were some significant house breaks, and some business burglaries, several of which remain unsolved. There was a vehicle theft, several assaults, and domestic violence related issues. There were arrests made in some of these cases, and one case solved, but probably not prosecutable. While these have been serious offenses, it should be understood that it was not a particularly unusual year statistically. Westmoreland remains a town with one of the lowest crime rates in the area, and much of the credit for this goes to neighbors looking after neighbors, being observant, and reporting in a timely fashion suspicious persons, vehicles, or circumstances.

A significant number of complaints came in reference to unrestrained or nuisance dogs. These complaints absorbed a greater proportion of time than any other category. It is important to maintain control over your pets at all times, for the sake of your neighbors, children walking the roads, and our resident deer population. Failure to do this must necessarily result in court time, and substantial fines.

The last category of heavy complaints is vehicles speeding on town roads. These complaints come in nearly every day, and from various parts of town. Many people walk, jog and horseback ride in Westmoreland, and there have been quite a few very close calls. We have contacted most of those complained about, and this generally has worked. But please understand that repeated complaints about the same vehicle will result in a summons.

My heartfelt thanks to the Selectmen for their support, JoAnn LaBarre for her guidance, and all the townsfolk who assisted me in so many ways this year. It would be impossible without you all.

Jack Zeller, Constable

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

Motor Vehicle Registrations - 2,089	\$191,812.00
Vital Statistic Requests - 126	\$648.00
Dog Licenses Issued: 151 Tags	\$937.50
5 Group	\$125.00
Candidacy Filings	\$7.00
Marriage Licenses Issued - 9	\$370.00
Overdraft Charges	\$10.00
UCC Filings - 23	\$374.00
Title Applications - 173	<u>\$350.00</u>
Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$194,633.50

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Briggs Fund, Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees for the year 1998 and find them to be correct and properly vouched.

Richard Frye
Ralph Werninger
Auditors

1998 REPORT FOR BRIGGS, BLEEKER, AND RUTH D. WHITE TRUST FUNDS

On December 21, 1998, the students at Westmoreland School had holiday parties at school. The interest from the Brigg's Fund was used to purchase gifts for children in grades Kindergarten through five. We ordered pizza for the middle school students. A Thank You goes out to Pizza Down Under in Keene for offering a reduced price on the pizzas, as funds were limited, and for delivering the pizzas to the school.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley, Castor, Jr.
Susan Castor

HEALTH REPORT

Questions and complaints that were investigated for the year 1998 are as follows:

Septic System failures	3
Day Care Facility inspections	3
Assisted living home inspection	1

Respectfully submitted,
William Huntley
Health Officer

ROAD AGENT REPORT

1998 was a productive year in that it was the first year since TRA was stopped that the town did a betterment project; which was Paine's Hill. The new grader performs very well and is a pleasure to operate. We replaced several culverts that were failing. We put down 370 tons of hot-top to shim the bad spots in the tar roads before we did the tarring. We did the following 7 miles of roads: River Rd. South, River Rd. North, London Rd. & Butterfield Hill Rd. A good arrangement that works is that we share trucks and workers with Chesterfield and Walpole when we do tarring. They help us and we help them.

I am retiring this spring after about 30 years as your road agent. It has been interesting working for this town. The residents have been very pleasant to work for.

Wes Staples, Road Agent

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In 1998, the Zoning Board of Adjustment had four requests for Variances. Three were granted and one was withdrawn. One request for Special Exception was heard and granted.

All applications for Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings for special exceptions and variances originate with the Selectmen's office in the absence of a Zoning Administrator. Hearings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month, when necessary. Applications must be in the hands of the zoning clerk, Helen Draper, at least fourteen (14) days prior to hearing date to allow time for notification of abutters and the general public.

The Selectmen need to appoint a Zoning Inspector and at least one Zoning Board member or alternate.

Zoning Board Members during 1998:

Peter Remy, Chairman

John Burt

Brenda Shelley

April Ferguson, Alternate

Barry Shonbeck

Kenneth Thompson, resigned

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Draper, Clerk

PLANNING BOARD

The Westmoreland Planning Board holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Selectmen's office of the Town Hall and begin at 7:30PM.

For 1998 there were two sub-divisions approved and one was withdrawn. There was one amendment to a current Site Plan and one boundary line adjustment was approved.

The Planning Board reviewed current ordinances and presented changes to voters relating to compliance with State law, easing hearing requirements and housekeeping measures. The Board has started preliminary work on the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan and intends to focus on the Master Plan in 1999.

Reginald Simino, Chairman

James Ashworth

Lauren Bressett

Linwood Burt

Thomas Hanna

Linn Starkey, Jr.

Jeff Ingram

JoAnn LaBarre, Secretary

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Permits issued – year ending December 31, 1998:

One-family dwellings	3	Remodeling	5
Swimming Pool	2	Institution	1
Commercial	1	Additions	5
Garages	3	Barns	5
Sheds	1	Total	26

Respectfully submitted,

Linn J. Starkey, Jr.

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Connecticut River Joint Commissions

The Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee delivered its complete *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* to the Town this year, and encourages this and other riverfront communities to consider and adopt its recommendations. Copies of the Plan have been provided to the Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, library and school. Subcommittee members provided information at a special meeting of the Planning & Zoning Boards, Conservation Commission and riverfront landowners to discuss the plan. We expect to continue with these educational presentations on the Management Plan throughout the next year so that the town can adopt pertinent recommendations.

The Subcommittee has continued to provide advice to these federal agencies: the States of VT and NH, the CRJC, and local communities on a variety of projects, including options for the new bridge between Brattleboro and Hinsdale and the Atlantic Salmon Commission's draft plan for restoring salmon. This plan has engaged the attention of the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal and state agencies, which are impressed with its grassroots origin. As a result, EPA conducted sediment sampling in various parts of the River this past summer.

The Subcommittee invites residents to represent the Town as members. If you are interested, contact the Selectmen. The time commitment is minor but the rewards are many. The public is also welcome to participate in Subcommittee meetings. The primary goal of the Subcommittee is to ensure a voice for local people and communities in decisions about the Connecticut River. Our advisory role will be particularly important in the next few years now that the Connecticut has been designated as an American Heritage River.

For more information on the Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee, the CRJC, the river plan, and Connecticut River issues, including upcoming meetings, visit the CRJC web site at www.crjc.org. Please contact Jan Kos or Stuart Adams with suggestions or information.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Adams Janice Kos

Westmoreland representatives to the Wantastiquet Subcommittee

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

We have been very busy this year. The Junk Amnesty Days were another success. With donation monies we were able to obtain a port-a-potty and outside telephone bell for the transfer station personnel. We will be starting to plan for the 1999 Junk Amnesty Days in the near future.

Representatives Jan Kos and Stuart Adams from the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan presented their findings to the Conservation Commission and other town boards. After a break, we have begun to work on this again.

The Commission has also been helping to update the zoning ordinances pertaining to Flood Hazard, Flood-Prone and Wetland areas.

The Commission continues to review wetland permits and is glad to help anyone with the process. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a member, give one of us a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Marshall Patmos

Frances Laurent

Jean Rudolph

Brian Lewis

Walter Derjue

John Lukin

George Duke

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN & STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2,400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998, we experienced an ice storm that caused severe damage to forests in New Hampshire. This damage created greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the State. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough	232
Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use	24
Lightning	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous	53

Unknown 140

TOTAL FIRES 798
TOTAL ACRES 442.86

Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of ashes	19

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"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Robert Stewart, Forest Ranger

Wesley Staples, Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

1998 Additions

Date	Fund Name	Amount
2/20/98	South Village Cemetery - Perp. Care	\$ 40.00
4/16/98	North Cemetery - Perp. Care	200.00
5/30/98	North Cemetery - Perp. Care	200.00
6/30/98	Gline Cemetery - Perp. Care	100.00
8/10/98	N, Starkey - Library Fund	1,000.00
8/20/98	Gline Cemetery - Perp. Care	100.00
9/25/98	SPED/HS Tuition	40,000.00
	Transfer to Principal - Westmoreland Men's Club	20.94
		<u>\$41,660.94</u>
11/16/98	Capital Reserve Fund: Highway Fund	6,000.00
12/15/98	Capital Reserve Fund: Police Cruiser Fund	2,500.00
		<u>\$ 8,500.00</u>

1998 Disbursements

Paid To	Purpose	Fund Name	Amount
Treas, Westmoreland Library	Support of Library	Bennet, Briggs, Capron, Goodrum, E & F Neff, Thompson-Overman & Warner Funds	\$ 996.71
Treas. Westmoreland Library	Town Vote	Jotham Lord Fund	128.94
Treas. Union Meeting House	Repairs/Maintenance	S & V Hall, Johnson & Woodward Memorial Funds	181.98
Theresa Acerno	Scholarship	Acerno Scholarship Fund	635.00
Westmoreland Cemetery Trustees	Cemetery Maintenance & Perpetual Care	Canceo Meadow, Chaffee, East Westmoreland, Gline, North, Pratt, South Village, and Outlying South Village, and Outlying	3,991.45
Barbara Messer	Graduate Banquet	Lois Leach Graduate Fund	88.07
Lauren Zwolinski	Book Award	Susan H. Cutter Fund	26.90
Westmoreland School	Soccer Camp Scholarship	Thomas White Soccer Fund	197.90
Westmoreland School District	Nurse Supplies & Equip.	L. Bragg - Health Fund	462.22
Town of Westmoreland	Town Aged & Needy	Starkey - Cobb Aged	452.37
Susan Castor	Children's Christmas	Briggs, Blacker & R.A. White Funds	274.57
Transfer of Income to Principal (to comply with terms of trust)		Westmoreland Men's Club	20.94
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$7,457.05</u>

TRUST FUNDS FOR 1998

PRINCIPAL

DATE	TRUST NAME	PURPOSE	BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	WITHDRAWAL	ENDING BALANCE	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	Cane Meadow	Cemetery	301.52	-	301.52	17.96	16.27	(17.96)	16.27	317.78
	Outlying	Cemetery	300.91	-	300.91	359.23	15.93	(359.23)	359.23	1,017.23
	East	Cemetery	100.31	-	100.31	15.32	15.32	(15.32)	15.32	217.23
	East	Cemetery	7,720.38	-	7,720.38	562.65	421.10	(562.65)	421.10	8,244.74
	Gline	Cemetery	4,895.58	200.00	5,095.58	2,532.79	381.91	(408.39)	2,506.31	15,502.79
	North Park	Cemetery	1,095.39	400.00	1,495.39	1,715.39	689.66	(721.56)	1,683.49	12,502.79
	North Park	Cemetery	12,825.91	-	12,825.91	17.95	16.27	(17.95)	16.27	13,504.38
	Pratt Cent'l. Upland	Cemetery	301.48	-	301.48	17.95	16.27	(17.95)	16.27	317.75
	S. Village M & I	Cemetery	11,266.52	-	11,266.52	521.37	607.78	(521.37)	607.78	17,364.00
	St. Joseph's Hosp. Care	Cemetery	1,268.56	-	1,268.56	1,268.56	347.47	(1,268.56)	347.47	2,884.59
	Donall School	Cemetery	20,088.37	-	20,088.37	12,833.49	1,329.52	(347.45)	14,163.41	34,231.78
1990			88,475.87	640.00	89,115.87	20,034.80	5,196.14	(3,991.45)	21,239.49	110,355.36
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS										
	Misc	Union West. Library	16,849.18	1,000.00	17,849.18	1,079.04	135.38	(986.71)	957.71	18,846.90
	*Stackey-Cobb	Union West. Library	7,647.87	-	7,647.87	482.82	423.87	(452.37)	434.32	8,082.19
1995	Lord, Jetha	As Town Vets	2,010.09	-	2,010.09	306.50	116.78	(306.50)	294.34	2,304.43
1992	Men's Club	Historical Society	3,582.73	-	3,582.73	363.49	295.28	(635.00)	23.75	5,645.96
1995	Blaker, Vincent	Children's Xas	502.49	-	502.49	45.84	28.79	(30.67)	43.96	546.45
1948	Bragg, Pearl L.	Health (School)	9,104.19	-	9,104.19	482.22	497.85	(482.22)	497.85	9,592.04
1985	Briggs, Oliver L.	Children's Xas	1,004.84	-	1,004.84	155.27	34.00	(26.90)	162.37	1,167.04
1989	Esty, Henry	School Support	905.33	-	905.33	53.37	50.57	-	103.94	1,009.27
1897	Fox, Elphalest	School Support	1,004.84	-	1,004.84	159.13	138.59	-	198.04	1,202.97
1926	Leach, Lois	School Support	1,781.56	-	1,781.56	104.95	8.60	(88.07)	113.55	1,895.13
1993	Teach, Elphalest	School Support	3,050.84	-	3,050.84	233.15	171.78	(384.12)	220.79	3,271.63
1991	White, Ruth A.	Children's Xas	2,989.63	-	2,989.63	1,304.65	1,617.00	(19.50)	2,921.65	5,911.28
1985	White, Thomas O.	Soccer Scholarship	20,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00	6,482.59	4,983.86	(3,465.60)	8,010.85	131,083.35
1996	Special Fund	SPEUHS tuition	82,031.56	41,074.94	123,106.50	26,527.39	10,180.00	(7,457.05)	29,250.34	241,416.71
TOTAL CEMETERY AND TRUST FUNDS										
			170,507.43	41,660.94	212,168.37	26,527.39	10,180.00	(7,457.05)	29,250.34	241,416.71

*Stackey and Cobb Funds were combined in 1997

*Leach, Lois Graduates' and Great Meadow Grange Funds were combined 3/3/98.

DATE	TRUST NAME	PURPOSE	BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	WITHDRAWAL	ENDING BALANCE	PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	1968 Capital Reserve Fund	Highway Truck	0	6,000.00	6,000.00	1,114.63	90.94	-	1,205.57	7,205.57
	1993 Capital Reserve Fund	Town Revaluation	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	2,578.03	1,464.87	-	4,024.90	29,024.90
	1998 Capital Reserve Fund	Police Cruiser	0	2,500.00	2,500.00	0	5.53	-	5.53	2,505.53
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:										
			25,000.00	8,500.00	33,500.00	3,692.66	1,543.34	-	5,236.00	38,736.00

DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD

Date	Name	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Residence
6/26/98	Toivo Walfred Aro	L. John Aro	Suzanna Unknown	Keene, NH
6/25/98	Daisy L. Bailey	Richard F. Dunn	Mabel D. Prentice	Keene, NH
8/9/98	Harold Delbert Bixby	Ivan Bixby	Vivian Keneson	Westmoreland, NH
3/17/98	Irene C. Bonnette	Wilbald Bonnette	Agnes Depoche	Keene, NH
2/13/98	Ruth May Boston	John Edward Norman	Emma Alberta Morris	Walpole, NH
8/20/98	Lawrence E. Boyle	Richard E. Boyle	Margaret Donovan	West Swanzey, NH
3/2/98	Nora Meaney Buss	James Meaney	Mary Ann Crotty	Alstead, NH
5/14/98	Robert H. Calef	Robert G. Calef	Dorothy M. Chute	Spofford, NH
4/13/98	Clarie Miles Carothers	Christopher Miles	Lydia Victoria Senor	Westmoreland, NH
7/6/98	Richard M. Clark	Walter Clark	Lucy Mason	Keene, NH
9/12/98	Lawrence Doyle Conklin	Thomas Conklin	Clara Lee Gayart	Concord, NH
7/19/98	Mildred Kilburn Corey	Arthur William Kilburn	Luella Jane Allen	Westmoreland, NH
4/18/98	Alice Lahiff Dubina	John F. Lahiff	Alice Kennedy	Westmoreland, NH
1/15/98	Ruth S. Duprey	Cyril Switzer	Mary Perkins	Walpole, NH
12/4/98	Helen Durant	Foster Ayers	Eleanor Bryant	Hinsdale, NH
1/26/98	Ruth H. Exel	Herman Hackler	Kate Nauriskoski	North Swanzey, NH
11/11/98	Evelyn M. Fletcher	Louis Beteau	Flora Derosier	Spofford, NH
9/10/98	Mary Alexandria Gasparini	Alexander Carino	Carmela Strazza	Westmoreland, NH
11/2/98	Hildur Hanna Gunnarson	Carl Albin Kasparson	Hanna Unknown	Westmoreland, NH
4/14/98	Edward C. Hare	Edward C. Hare	Hannah MacSaveny	Montauk, NY
11/7/98	Robert Hook	Newton Hook	Frances Edna Edwards	Keene, NH
12/20/98	Virginia M. Jacobson	Peter Mc Greevy	Anna Cush	Westmoreland, NH
2/15/98	Walter John Kobeski	John Kobeski	Mary Unknown	Walpole, NH
6/17/98	Lillian Mae Lister	Efram Dyer	Irene Davidson	Keene, NH
8/6/98	Beatrice V. Lockling	John Wilder	Mabel L. Branch	Keene, NH
12/5/98	Leona Claire MacQueen	Donald C. Fisher	Flora I. Gelinas	Westmoreland, NH
7/18/98	Elmer T. Mattila	John Mattila	Hilma Laammasniemi	Troy, NH
5/17/98	Stella Patnode	William Barratt	Edna Unknown	Westmoreland, NH
4/25/98	Paul J. Pelletier	Harry J. Pettetier	Anna E. Kononen	Keene, NH
10/24/98	Anna Marie Robichaud	Alphonse Boucher	Julia Turcotte	Marlborough, NH
4/25/98	Aita I. Scribner	George Hutchinson	Rose Blanchard	Westmoreland, NH
6/2/98	Mildred Ellen Shanks	William Bolton	Febie Hutchison	Westmoreland, NH
4/12/98	Harvey F. Sheldon	John E. Sheldon	Cora B. Brown	Richmond, NH
9/20/98	Charles Earl Simmons Sr.	Charles H. Simmons	Nora Steary	Alstead, NH
11/15/98	Alice Mabel Small	John W. Davis	Clara L. Marshall	Westmoreland, NH
3/16/98	Paul Joseph Szuch	Joseph Szuch	Mildred Metevier	North Walpole, NH
10/9/98	Jeanette A. Wesley	Bernard Polaski	Phyllis Smoski	Winchester, NH
2/21/98	Adelia Sarah Whitcomb	Frederick W. Fasset	Alice E. McCoy	Westmoreland, NH
2/17/98	Phyllis K. Wilson	Joseph Keith	Mary Currier	Westmoreland, NH
11/19/98	Leon A. Woodward Sr.	Leon A. Woodward	Elizabeth Lane	East Swanzey, NH

BURIALS

<u>Burial Date</u>	<u>Burial Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
7/22/98	North Cemetery	Gladys Irma Britton	Keene, NH	2/18/98
5/9/98	South Village Cemetery	Norma N. Carpenter	Westmoreland, NH	12/10/97
7/4/98	South Village Cemetery	Joseph Stanley Christian	Westmoreland, NH	7/2/98
4/6/98	South Village Cemetery	Hazel R. Cote	Lebanon, NH	4/2/98
12/5/98	South Village Cemetery	Buster Crowder	Keene, NH	12/2/98
8/29/98	South Village Cemetery	Lois M. Delano	West Palm Beach, FL	7/24/98
5/8/98	Gline Cemetery	Alfred S. Gorawski	Keene, NH	1/5/98
5/16/98	North Cemetery	Marjorie Hudson	Keene, NH	12/30/97
6/12/98	East Cemetery	Dorothy Maylin	Keene, NH	6/9/98
7/27/98	North Cemetery	Benton Demoss Mellinger	Bennington, VT	7/26/98
5/9/98	East Cemetery	Thomas B. Thompson	Lebanon, NH	4/30/98

DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
7/24/98	West Palm Beach, FL	Lois M. Delano	John Makinen	Gertrude Norcross
11/29/98	Lebanon, NH	William J. Fahey, III	William J. Fahey	Hazel Gough
5/7/98	Keene, NH	Robert Earl Fish	Unknown	Dorothy M. Fish
6/9/98	Keene, NH	Dorothy Maylin	Henry Kingsbury	Ethel Perham

DEATHS IN TOWN (Not Maplewood)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
7/2/98	46 Smith Farm Rd.	Joseph Stanley Christian	Arthur S. Christian	Nina Marsh
5/22/98	Rte. 63, S. Village	Robert M. Cox	Unknown Cox	Velma Atwood
2/20/98	95 Thompson Rd.	Leo P. Desruisseau	Eugene Desruisseau	Antonia Morin
11/21/98	931 Rte. 63, S. Village	Robert Lawrence Hatt	Amos W. Hatt	Mary Brigadier

MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Residence</u>
7/25/98	Keene, NH	Graham Jordan Gitchell	Westmoreland, NH
4/25/98	Westmoreland, NH	Virginia Ann Acemo	Westmoreland, NH
10/10/98	Nashua, NH	Sean George Laine	Westmoreland, NH
5/22/98	Keene, NH	Catherine May Hall	Westmoreland, NH
5/9/98	Westmoreland, NH	Jeffrey George Leach	Crest Hill, IL
8/22/98	Rindge, NH	Barbara Jeanne Yeadon	Winchester, NH
8/22/98	Keene, NH	Richard D. Lemnah	Westmoreland, NH
6/6/98	Westmoreland, NH	Darlene J (Jehan) Rourke	Westmoreland, NH
8/30/98	Swanzey, NH	Timothy James Moody	Westmoreland, NH
		Lisa Renee MacKay	Westmoreland, NH
		David Baxter Perrin, Jr.	Westmoreland, NH
		Shawna Lee Ingram	Westmoreland, NH
		Robert Alan Riendeau	Westmoreland, NH
		Stacy Ann Ray	Westmoreland, NH
		Raymond Russell Risley	Westmoreland, NH
		Claire S. (Lepine) Lariviere	Westmoreland, NH
		Charles R. Smith	Westmoreland, NH
		Cathryn E. (Calwell) Evans	Winchester, NH

BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Baby's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>
7/3/98	Keene, NH	Garrett Richardson Adams	Robyne Anne Richardson	Stuart Richardson Adams
10/5/98	Keene, NH	Isaac Benjamin Cleveland	Rebecca Bittner	Lance Cleveland
3/4/98	Brattleboro, VT	Bridget Amy Dews	Amy Susan Wall	Edwin Dews
3/6/98	Keene, NH	Lauren Junnila Emineth	Rebecca Jean Jumilla	Troy James Emineth
6/5/98	Keene, NH	Brennan Jeffrey Geiss	Barbara Jean Guyette	Jeffrey Arthur Geiss
4/7/98	Keene, NH	Tanner Alec Huntley	Kelly Lyn Wright	Andrew Paul Huntley
2/9/98	Brattleboro, VT	Elise Michelle LaCroix	Roxane Phillips	Michael LaCroix
12/19/98	Keene, NH	Amanda May Laine	Catherine May Hall	Sean George Laine
2/14/98	Keene, NH	Ross Patrick O'Neil	Lisa Helen Gaudreau	Patrick Sean O'Neil
6/9/98	Keene, NH	Jacob Robert Shelley	Gail Ada Lillian Greeley	Daniel Howard Shelley
12/3/98	Lebanon, NH	Jonah Manuel Marthe Siegel	Leigh Clair Marthe	Lawrence Siegel
8/1/98	Keene, NH	Elizabeth Julia Wagstaff	Pauline Eaton	David Wagstaff

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Stuart R. Adams, Chair
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.
Richard H. Frye
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Daniel G. LaFleur

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

CLERK

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AUDITOR

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N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Thomas J. Kane, Assistant Superintendent for Towns
Paul L. Bartolomucci, Assistant Superintendent for Keene
Deane B. Haskell, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Patricia Trow Parent, Manager of Personnel Services
Bruce Thielen, Director of Special Education

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

as of January, 1999

Kindergarten	16
Grade 1	13
Grade 2	16
Grade 3	21
Grade 4	17
Grade 5	22
Grade 6	25
Grade 7	19
Grade 8	31
TOTAL	180

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Personnel Manager, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

*Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 9th day of March, 1999, at 11:00 O'Clock in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary district officers:

Two members of the school board for the ensuing three years
A moderator for the ensuing year
A clerk for the ensuing year
A treasurer for the ensuing year, from July 1, 1999
An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 18th day of February, 1999.

*Stuart R. Adams, Chair
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 12th day of March, 1999, at 7:00 O'Clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to appropriate a supplemental appropriation of \$25,000.00 for additional special education, transportation and high school tuition costs for the current school year. This amount will be funded from existing revenues including unanticipated New Hampshire Foundation Aid, Medicaid reimbursements and insurance refunds and dividends. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,493.00 as a deficit appropriation to cover unanticipated special education, transportation and high school tuition costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize and empower the school board to borrow up to \$155,092.00 representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1999-2000 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the school board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum, together with the costs of borrowing, to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to R.S.A. 186:C-18, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee recommend the sum of \$2,250,254.00)*

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 18th day of February, 1999.

Stuart R. Adams, Chair
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WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 1999-2000 BUDGET (SUMMARY)

	BUDGET 1997-98	ACTUAL 1997-98	BUDGET 1998-99	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1999-2000	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$964,549	\$913,540	\$1,077,560	\$985,993	-8.50%	42.87%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$90,134	\$90,134	\$87,040	\$83,947	-3.55%	3.65%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$305,487	\$281,736	\$288,336	\$361,785	25.47%	15.73%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,360,170	\$1,285,410	\$1,452,936	\$1,431,725	-1.46%	62.26%
48						
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$412,970	\$372,958	\$438,336	\$570,300	30.11%	24.80%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.	\$33,820	\$33,820	\$34,497	\$35,187	2.00%	1.53%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRU.	\$69,794	\$62,840	\$71,685	\$129,611	80.81%	5.64%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$516,584	\$469,618	\$544,518	\$735,098	35.00%	31.96%
(SAU#29)	\$80,456	\$80,456	\$80,745	\$83,431	3.33%	3.63%
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000		1.09%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$58,588	\$0	\$0	\$24,493		1.07%
TOTAL	\$2,015,798	\$1,835,484	\$2,078,199	\$2,299,747	10.66%	100.00%

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 1999-2000 BUDGET**

	BUDGET 1997-98	ACTUAL 1997-98	BUDGET 1998-99	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1999-2000	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 161 Students Projected)						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$437,916	\$417,847	\$465,246	\$428,717		
Benefits	\$104,661	\$97,440	\$124,252	\$114,779		
Repair Equipment	\$900	\$1,442	\$900	\$800		
Conservation Camp	\$1,155	\$1,155	\$1,265	\$1,100		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$24,355	\$23,621	\$23,516	\$19,491		
Equipment	\$4,633	\$5,302	\$6,016	\$715		
Furniture	\$4,736	\$616	\$685	\$0		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$578,356	\$547,423	\$621,880	\$565,602	-9.05%	24.59%
EXTRACURRICULAR						
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,717	\$3,424	\$4,717	\$4,715		
Assemblies/Officials	\$2,200	\$2,764	\$2,200	\$2,440		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$1,661	\$1,900	\$1,970	\$1,986		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$8,578	\$8,088	\$8,887	\$9,141	2.86%	0.40%
SCHOOL SERVICES						
Attendance	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0		
Guidance	\$39,729	\$41,744	\$43,798	\$45,165		
Health	\$11,184	\$11,845	\$12,666	\$13,978		
Psychology	\$12,650	\$15,556	\$20,520	\$19,080		
Speech	\$0	\$0	\$8,047	\$12,600		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$63,564	\$69,145	\$85,032	\$90,823	6.81%	3.95%

	BUDGET 1997-98	ACTUAL 1997-98	BUDGET 1998-99	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1999-2000	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$3,465	\$846	\$3,342	\$1,337		
Course Reimbursement	\$4,000	\$3,941	\$4,500	\$4,500		
Staff Development	\$3,250	\$3,917	\$2,750	\$2,400		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$380	\$542	\$410	\$584		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$11,095	\$9,246	\$11,002	\$8,821	-19.82%	0.38%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA						
Salary & Benefits	\$13,185	\$13,572	\$14,641	\$15,683		
Media Membership	\$1,008	\$961	\$990	\$886		
Library Books & Supplies	\$5,103	\$5,244	\$4,968	\$3,564		
Equipment/Software	\$2,614	\$1,139	\$2,000	\$600		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$21,910	\$20,916	\$22,599	\$20,733	-8.26%	0.30%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS						
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,796	\$1,503	\$1,796	\$1,995		
Legal/Audit Services	\$800	\$5,302	\$800	\$900		
School Board Liability Insurance	\$1,656	\$1,653	\$1,656	\$0		
Other School District Expenses	\$730	\$2,059	\$830	\$1,630		
School Board Association	\$2,260	\$2,262	\$2,260	\$2,289		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$7,242	\$12,779	\$7,342	\$6,814	-7.19%	0.30%

	BUDGET 1997-98	ACTUAL 1997-98	BUDGET 1998-99	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM.		% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
				1999-2000			
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION							
Principal's Salary	\$47,092	\$47,619	\$48,505	\$50,009			
Secretary's Salary	\$16,156	\$14,676	\$14,558	\$15,012			
Benefits	\$10,487	\$9,841	\$11,002	\$10,889			
Telephone	\$3,000	\$2,607	\$3,000	\$2,600			
Copier Maintenance	\$1,837	\$3,362	\$3,101	\$3,411			
Staff Development	\$600	\$489	\$250	\$250			
Postage	\$600	\$1,010	\$1,031	\$1,119			
Supplies/Misc.	\$3,120	\$2,640	\$3,100	\$3,000			
Equipment/Furniture	\$3,095	\$2,695	\$0	\$0			
Professional Dues	\$628	\$558	\$638	\$619			
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$86,615	\$85,497	\$85,185	\$86,909	2.02%		3.78%
BUILDING SERVICES							
Salaries	\$19,824	\$22,277	\$22,834	\$23,924			
Benefits	\$9,549	\$7,870	\$9,568	\$9,579			
Rubbish Removal	\$1,680	\$1,740	\$1,640	\$2,000			
Repairs to Building	\$6,651	\$14,541	\$7,104	\$5,054			
Water Tests	\$1,100	\$740	\$750	\$750			
SMP Insurance	\$4,612	\$4,645	\$4,843	\$6,499			
Supplies/Materials	\$5,942	\$5,376	\$7,047	\$6,675			
Electricity	\$10,500	\$13,493	\$13,043	\$13,043			
Oil	\$6,600	\$6,965	\$6,586	\$6,586			
Equipment & Repair	\$1,800	\$2,721	\$900	\$673			
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$68,258	\$80,368	\$74,315	\$74,783	0.63%		3.25%

	BUDGET 1997-98	ACTUAL 1997-98	BUDGET 1998-99	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1999-2000	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION						
Regular Elementary	\$75,280	\$75,280	\$76,785	\$78,321		
Athletic	\$1,404	\$1,579	\$1,810	\$1,846		
Field Trips	\$2,847	\$2,597	\$2,847	\$2,630		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$79,531	\$79,456	\$81,442	\$82,797	1.66%	3.60%
OTHER STAFF SERVICES						
Accrued Liability	\$0	\$622	\$0	\$0		
Fingerprinting Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$476	\$170		
Staff Physicals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$0	\$622	\$476	\$170		
52						
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$4,400	\$0	\$4,400	\$4,400		
Transfer to Food Services	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$39,400	\$0	\$79,400	\$39,400	-50.38%	1.71%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$964,549	\$913,540	\$1,077,560	\$985,993	-8.50%	42.87%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Bond Interest	\$29,391	\$29,391	\$26,297	\$23,204		
Interest on Cat.Aid Borrowing	\$5,743	\$5,743	\$5,743	\$5,743		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$90,134	\$90,134	\$87,040	\$83,947	-3.55%	3.65%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$1,054,683	\$1,003,674	\$1,164,600	\$1,069,940	-8.13%	46.52%

	BUDGET 1997-98	ACTUAL 1997-98	BUDGET 1998-99	BUDGET COM. 1999-2000	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$58,682	\$79,439	\$67,658	\$70,503		
Benefits	\$17,929	\$18,828	\$21,502	\$17,353		
OT/PT/Vision/Hearing	\$2,800	\$9,138	\$4,853	\$7,048		
Supplies/Workbooks/Misc.	\$959	\$1,605	\$1,672	\$1,335		
Pre-School Tuition (3 students)	\$4,100	\$10,101	\$1,775	\$29,562		
Elementary/MS Collaborative Tuition (2 students)	\$0	\$0	\$18,820	\$22,285		
Elementary Out-of-District Tuition (2 students)	\$215,223	\$154,042	\$162,833	\$194,648		
Tuition-Summer Programs (7 students)	\$0	\$0	\$2,285	\$3,980		
Elementary Special Transportation (4 students)	\$5,794	\$8,583	\$6,938	\$15,071		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$305,487	\$281,736	\$288,336	\$361,785	25.47%	15.73%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST						
	\$1,360,170	\$1,285,410	\$1,452,936	\$1,431,725	-1.46%	62.26%
HIGH SCHOOL						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS						
Keene High School 75 students @ \$7,604.	\$412,970	\$372,958	\$438,336	\$570,300		
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$412,970	\$372,958	\$438,336	\$570,300	30.11%	24.80%

	BUDGET 1997-98	ACTUAL 1997-98	BUDGET 1998-99	PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM. 1999-2000	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$33,820	\$33,820	\$34,497	\$35,187		
TOTAL HS TRANSPORT.	\$33,820	\$33,820	\$34,497	\$35,187	2.00%	1.53%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$446,790	\$406,778	\$472,833	\$605,487	28.06%	26.33%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition 10 students @ \$7,604.	\$40,620	\$33,587	\$34,245	\$76,040	122.05%	
Special Needs Transportation	\$29,174	\$1,441	\$0	\$0		
Tuition - High School Collaborative (3 students)	\$0	\$22,797	\$32,440	\$37,333		
Tutoring - High School High School Out-of-District	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$10,238		
	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL INSTRUC.	\$69,794	\$62,840	\$71,685	\$129,611	80.81%	5.64%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$516,584	\$469,618	\$544,518	\$735,098	35.00%	31.96%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$80,456	\$80,456	\$80,745	\$83,431	3.33%	3.63%
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (Warrant Article #2)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000		1.09%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION (Warrant Article #3)	\$58,588	\$0	\$0	\$24,493		1.07%
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,015,798	\$1,835,484	\$2,078,199	\$2,299,747	10.66%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
1999/2000 PROPOSED BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	1998/99 BUDGET	1999/2000 PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET COM.	% INCREASE	\$ INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$100,393	\$25,000		
Amt. Raised by Taxes	\$1,729,250	\$1,930,118	11.62%	\$200,868
Interest	\$1,200	\$4,000		
Lunch Local	\$23,000	\$23,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800		
Tuition Trust Fund	\$0	\$65,000		
N.H. Foundation Aid	\$19,094	\$25,677		
N.H. Building Aid	\$16,500	\$16,500		
N.H. Handicapped Aid *	\$133,502	\$145,705		
Net Change in Reimbursement	\$10,900	\$9,387		
Anticipation Borrowing				
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$1,000	\$1,000		
N.H. Kindergarten Aid	\$12,750	\$12,750		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$12,000		
Chapter 1 & 2	\$15,810	\$15,810		
Lunch - Federal	\$11,000	\$11,000		
TOTALS	\$2,078,199	\$2,299,747	10.66%	\$221,548
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET (including warrant articles)			\$2.08	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000			\$208	

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999/2000 BUDGETED EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND BENEFITS

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	BENEFITS	TOTAL SALARY & BENEFITS
Browning, Carol J.	Grade 3	\$30,000	\$6,497	\$36,497
Belsky, Nancy	Grade 5	\$41,708	\$12,838	\$54,546
Perreault, Laurie A.	Kindergarten	\$15,000	\$3,003	\$18,003
Carlson, Leslie	Grade 2	\$39,450	\$12,242	\$51,692
Davis, Donald	Science & Mathematics	\$41,108	\$12,767	\$53,875
Deschenes, Paul Jr.	Grade 7/Social Studies	\$35,250	\$11,749	\$46,999
Durling, Karen	Grade 4	\$40,050	\$12,643	\$52,693
Martinez, Maria	Title One	\$40,050	\$12,643	\$52,693
Newton, Nancy	Grade 1	\$41,708	\$13,389	\$55,097
Zwolinski, Lauren	Grade 8/Language Arts	\$41,708	\$8,142	\$49,850
Morrison, Mee Yin	Art	\$10,292	\$4,624	\$14,916
Powell, Charles	Physical Education	\$15,400	\$1,286	\$16,686
To be Determined	Spanish	\$5,669	\$473	\$6,142
Wallach, Kim	Music	\$14,000	\$1,169	\$15,169
Belsky, Nancy	Algebra Stipend	\$2,400	\$272	\$2,672
Newton, Nancy	Reading Specialist Stipend	\$2,160	\$245	\$2,405
Gray, Florence K.	Kindergarten Aide	\$6,266	\$523	\$6,789
Sowa, Stephanie P.	Resource Room	\$26,000	\$6,023	\$32,023
Hanley, Heather L.	Inclusion Aide	\$10,990	\$7,676	\$18,666
Perreault, Laurie A.	Inclusion Aide	\$4,593	\$384	\$4,977
Vail, Irene	Inclusion Aide	\$6,280	\$524	\$6,804
Bates, Susanne	Inclusion Aide	\$6,890	\$575	\$7,465
Wadleigh, Kate	Tutor	\$6,300	\$526	\$6,826
Moore, Catherine	Tutor	\$9,450	\$789	\$10,239
Slason, Celia M.	Guidance Counselor	\$31,250	\$11,610	\$42,860
Hamilton, Georgianna	Nurse	\$12,015	\$1,003	\$13,018
Fleming, Gail	Media Generalist	\$14,475	\$1,209	\$15,684
Harris, William	Principal	\$50,009	\$8,879	\$58,888
Nelson, Debra	Secretary	\$15,014	\$2,010	\$17,024
Reader, Kenneth E.	Custodian	\$22,002	\$9,347	\$31,349
Brown, Tracey L.	Kitchen Manager	\$13,070	\$2,085	\$15,155
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS		\$650,557	\$167,145	\$817,702

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COMPUTER & STATISTICAL SERVICES
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REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998
Return Original to State Department of Education Prior to July 15.

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1997 (Treasurer's bank balance).....	\$ 14,479.48
Received from Selectmen (include only amounts actually received).....	
Current Appropriation.....	1,625,784.00
Deficit Appropriation.....	
Balance of Previous Appropriations.....	
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation.....	
Revenue from State Sources.....	270,498.74
Revenue from Federal Sources.....	
Received from Tuitions.....	
Received as Income from Trust Funds.....	10,338.56
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal Only).....	
Received from Capital Reserve Funds.....	
Received from all Other Sources.....	173,885.94
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$ 2,080,507.24
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)	2,094,986.72
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID.....	2,016,941.79
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1998 (Treasurer's Bank Balance).....	\$ 78,044.93

January 19, 1999

Susan Godnow
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Westmoreland of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998 and find them correct in all respects.

Jan. 28 1999

Auditors Evelyn M. Hunt

GIVE DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON OTHER SIDE

Detailed Statement of Receipts

For Office Use Only

Ct.	U.	Dist.	Loc.
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	Date	From Whom	Description	Amount	Office Use
1	7/97-6/98	Granite Bank	Interest	4,287.88	
2		Westmoreland School	School Lunch	20,260.24	
3		Jeanne Buzuvis	Health Insurance	1,171.66	
4		Barbara Messer	Health Insurance	3,174.60	
5		Savings Bank of Walpole	CAT Aid Loan	134,805.00	
6		Delano Transportation	Bus Tickets	2,135.25	
7		NHSBIT	Reimbursement	1,641.00	
8		Trustees of Trust Funds	Lucille Bragg Fund	10,338.56	
9		Comp.Funds of NH	Invest/Return of Contr.	3,649.33	
10		State of NH	Various	270,498.74	
11		Town of Westmoreland	Appropriation	1,625,784.00	
12		Miscellaneous	Various	2,760.98	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR

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WESTMORELAND	PAGE	LINE							
TITLES									

BALANCE SHEET			GENERAL	SPECIAL REV	CAPITAL PROJ	FOOD SERV	CAPITAL RES		
ASSETS									
Current Assets									
CASH	1	1	124,290.29			508.73	21,864.73		
INVESTMENTS	1	2							
TAXES RECEIVABLE	1	3							
INTERFUND REC	1	4	794.97						
INTERGOVT REC	1	5		546.31					
OTHER RECEIVABLES	1	6	136,235.74	794.97		1,640.00			
BOND PROCEEDS REC	1	7							
INVENTORIES	1	8							
PREPAID EXPENSES	1	9							
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	1	10							
Total Current Assets lines 1 - 10	1	11	261,321.00	1,341.28	0.00	2,148.73	21,864.73		
Fixed Assets									
MACHINERY AND EQUIP	1	12							
TOTAL ASSETS lines 11 & 12	1	13	261,321.00	1,341.28	0.00	2,148.73	21,864.73		
LIAB & FUND EQUITY									
Current Liabilities									
INTERFUND PAYABLES	1	14	546.31	794.97					
INTERGOVT PAYABLES	1	15	9,794.25	546.31					
OTHER PAYABLES	1	16	147,247.92						
CONTRACTS PAYABLE	1	17							
BONDS PAYABLE	1	18							
INTEREST PAYABLE	1	19	2,458.44						
ACCRUED EXPENSES	1	20							
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1	21	881.35						
DEFERRED REVENUES	1	22							
OTHER CURRENT LIAB	1	23							
Total Liabilities lines 14 - 23	1	24	160,928.27	1,341.28	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Fund Equity									
UNRES RETAINED EARN	1	25							
RES FOR ENCUMBRANCES	1	26							
RES FOR SPEC PURP	1	27					21,864.73		
UNRES FUND BALANCE	1	28	100,392.73			2,148.73			
Total Fund Equity lines 25-28	1	29	100,392.73	0.00	0.00	2,148.73	21,864.73		
TOT LIAB & FUND EQUITY	1	30	261,321.00	1,341.28	0.00	2,148.73	21,864.73		

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 10, 1998

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters having met at the time and place mentioned in the warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Carlson Barrett, at 11:00 a.m. The school warrant and Article 1 were read by the Moderator and after he declared the polls open, voting commenced. The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. The ballots were then counted and the results of the elections are as follows:

For the District Moderator for the ensuing year:
Peter Heed - 75 votes and was declared elected.

For Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years:
Dan LaFleur - 96 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Auditor for the ensuing one year:
Evelyn Hunter - 210 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Treasurer for the ensuing one year:
Susan Goodnow - 217 votes and was declared elected.

For School District Clerk for the ensuing one year:
Gail Ainsworth - 222 votes and was declared elected.

225 voters of the registered 960 voted.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 13, 1998

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Carlson Barrett, on Friday March 13, 1998 at 7:05 p.m. at Westmoreland School. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Moderator reviewed the rules and procedure of acting upon one amendment at a time and acting upon that amendment before moving onto the next amendment.

Mr. Carlson Barrett introduced the administration from the S.A.U.: Dr. Phillip McCormack, Ms. Patricia Trow Parent, Mr. John Harper, Mr. Ben Larkin, and Westmoreland School Principal, Mr. William Harris. A motion was made by Michael Acerno and seconded by Flossie Gray that these introduced individuals should be allowed to explain or clarify issues raised during the course of the meeting in their areas of expertise. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

A motion was made by Michael Acerno that the district receive the reports of the agents, auditors, committees and officers chosen as printed in the annual report. The motion was seconded by Flossie Gray.

Article 1 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to ratify and be bound by the financial provisions of a four-year collective bargaining agreement between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: \$6,221.00 in 1997-1998; \$26,824.00 in 1998-1999; \$24,715.00 in 1999-2000; and \$26,826.00

in 2000-2001; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,702.00 to fund the costs for the 1998-1999 fiscal year. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Michael Acerno that the District ratify and be bound by the financial provisions of a four-year collective bargaining agreement between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: \$6,221.00 in 1997-1998; \$26,824.00 in 1998-1999; \$24,715.00 in 1999-2000; \$26,826.00 in 2000-2001; and, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,702.00 to fund the costs for the 1998-1999 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Richard Frye.

Wesley Staples questioned the the figures of \$26,824.00 and \$38,702.00 for the 1998-1999 school year.

Stuart Adams stated that the \$26,824.00 figure is inclusive in the \$38,702.00 amount. Mr. Ben Larkin stated that it is necessary to include all figures to be paid over the course of the contract.

Lois Jordan asked if the article could be broken down or does it have to read as is.

Carlson Barrett reported that the article needs to be done as a total article and cannot be broken down.

Article 2 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District, if Article 2 is defeated, will authorize the Westmoreland School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only.

Michael Acerno moved to pass over this article. The motion was seconded by John Harris.

Article 3 was passed over on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to \$145,705.00 representing the State of New Hampshire share of special education costs for the 1998-1999 school year pursuant to R.S.A. 198:20-D upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to R.S.A. 186:C-18, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Michael Acerno to accept this article as written. The motion was seconded by Flossie Gray.

Article 4 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for School District officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion by Pat Bentrup that the District raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$1,999,497.00) for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District.

The motion was seconded by Tom Ainsworth.

Article 5 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will authorize the School Board to transfer up to \$40,000.00 from unencumbered surplus funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1998, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the District in March, 1996, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board supports favorable action on this warrant article. The Westmoreland Budget Committee does not support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Michael Acerno that the District authorize the School Board to transfer up to \$40,000.00 from unencumbered surplus funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1998, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the District in March, 1996. The motion was seconded by Flossie Gray.

Barry Shonbeck questioned the Board as to where the anticipated surplus would come from and why did the Board and the Budget Committee differ on this article.

John Harris reported that there was anticipated to be a \$61,000.00 surplus because of a Special Ed. student moving out of district and two high school students have also moved out of the district, saving on the amount of tuition being paid. Pat Bentrup stated that the Budget Committee would feel more comfortable with having \$25,000.00 put into the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund. They felt the \$40,000.00 amount was high.

Marshall Gordon felt that any surplus should be turned back over to the town to help reduce taxes.

Tim Thompson remarked that this was a good article due to the fact that the 1999-2000 Freshman class would have 12 more students attending Keene High School.

Article 6 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Michael Acerno read and presented a resolution to Flossie Gray.

RESOLUTION
dated March 13, 1998

Whereas, Florence K Gray has served the School District of Westmoreland as a School Board Member for three years, and as Chair of the Gymnasium Building Committee; and,

Whereas, Florence K. Gray has worked diligently with the board and employees in the area of collective bargaining; and,

Whereas, Florence K. Gray has faithfully attended the numerous meetings required of those roles; and,

Whereas, Florence K. Gray has always conducted her duties in a manner truly reflecting her genuine interest in the community of Westmoreland; and,

Whereas, Florence K. Gray's commitment to Westmoreland's students has been evident by her interest in the special needs of all students; and,

Whereas, Florence K. Gray is experienced, knowledgeable and dedicated; she will be missed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the voters of the School District of Westmoreland recognize with gratitude Florence K. Gray's contribution to the children, the school and the community by unanimously adopting this resolution as a lasting tribute to Florence K. Gray, to be entered into the permanent records of the district.

The Westmoreland School District

A motion was made by Michael Acerno and seconded by Flossie Gray to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion approved by voice vote.

Gail H. Ainsworth, Clerk
Westmoreland School District

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

As I reflect on what has occurred within the Westmoreland School District during the year, I see the results of a dedicated staff, school board and community working together toward a common goal -- quality education. All three groups have worked diligently to assess student performance and program effectiveness, ensure the maintenance of a positive and safe learning environment for children, and promote a positive and supportive relationship between the school and community.

The Westmoreland staff is to be commended for its commitment to the assessment of student performance. The quality of work that has occurred with respect to analysis of test data is a model for other districts within SAU 29 and, more importantly, provides a focus for continued improvement. Analysis of this data has greatly aided efforts to identify strengths and weaknesses related to student performance, as well as programmatic and curricular effectiveness. The comprehensiveness with which the staff approached this analysis was similar to the approach used to select and implement a new mathematics program. This program places an emphasis on computation, application, and the use of manipulatives, and brings the school's mathematics curriculum more in alignment with the state's curriculum frameworks.

Monitoring student performance is a task that the Westmoreland School Board takes very seriously. It has continued to raise questions related to the level of student performance on various assessments or tests, the value of certain assessment procedures, use of the data collected, and follow-up to conclusions reached as a result of the data. Monitoring student performance is not limited to students in grades one through eight. The Board also closely monitors the performance of its students at Keene High School. A review of last year's information shows Westmoreland's high school students performing well in those areas used to assess student performance. The grade point average for Westmoreland's students in science, English, foreign language and social studies is greater than the overall average for all Keene High students. The average attendance rate for Westmoreland students is also higher than the average for Keene High students. Many Westmoreland students participate and excel in a variety of co-curricular, interscholastic and club activities. A very high percentage of last year's graduates went on to post-secondary programs.

The work that was done with respect to student behavior and school safety has contributed to a positive and constructive learning environment at Westmoreland School. The staff has worked cooperatively with community members to improve the process used to monitor and improve student behavior. This has already produced favorable results; that is, there have been significantly fewer discipline referrals, especially in grades one through five. The emphasis that has been placed on peer mediation and conflict resolution also continues to have a positive influence on student behavior and safety.

School safety is a goal that was established by the SAU 29 School Board. Given the acts of unprecedented violence and natural disasters that have impacted schools throughout the region, state and nation, we know that small, rural communities are not immune from many of these tragedies. As is the case with all other schools in SAU 29, safety has become a priority for Westmoreland School. Representatives from all schools, including Westmoreland, comprise a safety committee that continues to work toward improving the safety and security of all those in our schools. The staff at the school is working with other teachers, administrators, police, fire and bus company officials to develop safety plans that will specify procedures to deal with safety-related issues. I believe this issue must be addressed in a responsible and timely manner. Future plans call for the completion of safety audits at the school.

The allocation of resources and commitment to quality professional development contributes to the overall success of Westmoreland School. An analysis of student performance has provided the focus for much of the professional training activities in which the staff has been involved. The emphasis that has been placed on learning more about how the brain functions in order to improve teaching is commendable. The knowledge gained through this effort and the training received through participation in the effective teaching practices offered by Research For Better Teaching (RBT) will prove beneficial to students as teachers work to respond to students' needs, interests and abilities.

Community support and involvement remains very high. Many community members have volunteered to work on school committees (technology, student behavior, staff searches, and student performance) focusing on improvement, and have become involved in co-curricular activities (NHDI, Odyssey of the Mind, coaching, band, and chorus) that provide opportunities for students with special talents and interests. The pinnacle of community involvement last year was the Time Machine Project. It was wonderful to see the "reservation of families" tenting on the athletic fields and to hear the extremely positive comments about this activity.

So much of what has happened at the school reflects the continued involvement of a well-informed community, a community that is willing to make its concerns and wants known. The proposed 1999-2000 budget has increased considerably. If you have questions or concerns about the budget, please contact the principal at the school, members of the school board, or SAU 29 administrators. Also, please plan to attend the annual district meeting on Friday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.

*Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to be able to address district residents again this year and to be able to state that education is in excellent shape at Westmoreland School. The staff is clearly and positively focused on a number of initiatives that are worthy of note and will be addressed in this report.

We welcome Miss Laurie Perreault to our kindergarten, and Miss Stephanie Sowa to our Resource Room. Both young teachers have had a very positive impact on the school this year and we're fortunate to be able to find such high quality teachers for such important and key positions. Four new special education aides also joined the staff: Mrs. Susanne Bates, Ms. Heather Hanley, Ms. Ann Marie Riendeau and Ms. Kate Wadleigh. These fine individuals replace Miss Julie Perham who left us for a classroom of her own at Winchester Elementary School, and Miss Angèle Romano who joined the staff of Nelson School. We wish them both well. This past fall we bid a farewell to Mrs. Jeanne Buzuvis who relocated to the mid-west and Ms. Caro Dellenbaugh-Dempsey who is pursuing higher education. We also bid a happy retirement to Mrs. Joan Murray in acknowledgement of her twenty-five years of service to the children and families of the Westmoreland School District. I'd also like to thank Mrs. Cori Sarsfield for providing two years of capable service in our fourth grade.

Over the course of the last twelve months our enrollment has stayed quite steady, averaging 181 students. Next year we expect to see a drop in our student enrollment as we graduate a class of 31 eighth graders to Keene High School this spring. The budget that has been prepared for voters to consider this March reduces the teaching staff by one full-time teacher. Next year we plan to run a modified, three-teacher, grades 6 through 8 middle school, much the same as we did in 1995-1996. Fifth grade will remain self-contained and we plan to convert the available classroom to an art/music room.

Our school opening last September was positively inspirational. Never before had I seen so many staff members in their classrooms in August getting ready for the start of school. Staff members' opening letters to parents were clear, thorough, and very worthy of the profession. The level of positive involvement is truly catching and each and every staff member deserves thanks for getting this year off to such a trouble free start. Our second annual Opening Tea for parents was well attended and enjoyed by all, and Open House was very much the same way.

This year we are pursuing a multi-cultural theme with classes choosing a country or region to study and gearing many lessons and activities around the study of that country. We will be exhibiting much of our work as part of the Spirit of America Day Festival in Keene on May 29th.

The Westmoreland Weather Team continues to rack up the awards and recognitions. The team was invited back to the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference to present their work, and their web page is approaching its 25,000th hit and was recognized with a Links2Go Key Resource Award.

During its annual goal setting retreat last June, the school board and staff collaboratively discussed the needs of the school based on each individual's perspective and numerous other sources of data. We discussed progress made over the past year in light of the Continuous Improvement Plan and the work of the committees established at the 1997 retreat. Attention was focused on academic instruction, student behavior and school/community relations. The day ended with the establishment of four committees to guide our school improvement work in 1998-1999. They are: Student Performance Committee (academic improvements), Student Behavior Committee (behavioral improvements), Multicultural Awareness Committee (1998-1999 schoolwide theme), and Communications Committee (communication improvements).

In pursuing the highest quality academic experience possible for our students, the staff has spent a great deal of time developing an assessment model for the school and examining a number of specific curriculum areas. These areas are spelling, writing, and math computation. The staff has established specific performance goals that it will help each student to meet by the end of the year. To better understand how its efforts were proceeding, the staff developed mid and end-of-the-year Benchmark Assessments to measure student progress toward goals. The results were overwhelmingly positive. In addition to standardized assessments, the California Achievement Test (grades 4, 5, 7, and 8) and New Hampshire Statewide Assessments (grades 3 and 6), the school added the CTB Writing Assessment to specifically look at students' writing abilities in grades 4, 5, 7, and 8. All results were carefully reviewed by the Student Performance Committee and it was noted that, in general, Westmoreland students performed better than most around the state and country.

This committee has dug even deeper into student performance data to look for patterns or trends that would indicate more specific weaknesses in individual skill areas. This work has been advanced by the staff and several staff meetings have been devoted to discussing curriculum, teaching and learning. We plan to develop even more specific assessments to gauge students' progress within these newly identified areas, and look at data provided to us by Keene High School to better help us determine our needs in grades seven and eight, especially in the areas of math and Spanish.

Other items that the staff accomplished over the last year include: stipulating an increase in honor roll eligibility criteria, adopting and implementing a comprehensive new math program in kindergarten through grade 5, discussing the grade 5 to 6 transition and sharing best practices both ways, looking at how our algebra program squares with other SAU 29 schools, maintaining our comprehensive study skills program in grades 5 through 8, discussing the expansion of the Spanish program to include students in kindergarten through grade 5, looking more closely at the constructs of learning and multiple intelligences as outlined by leading researchers Dr. Mel Levine and Dr. Howard Gardner, respectively, and collectively reading Teaching With the Brain in Mind, by Eric Jensen.

Our new Student Behavior Committee (formerly the Discipline Committee), has overseen the implementation of the new Student Discipline Policy this year, as well as working to address aspects of students' school days that are notoriously troublesome. These areas include the bus, playground, and lunchroom. In addition, this group has worked to provide extra support to special and substitute teachers.

Side by side with its social curriculum work, the staff has implemented a "Character Trait of the Month" program, replacing last year's weekly Skill-streaming Program. The basics of the program are the same with teachers teaching such traits as responsibility, honesty, caring, friendship, and respect. For several years the behavior of students at Westmoreland School has been a top priority of staff and we have seen steady improvement. This year does not seem to be any exception. We can be proud of our students and, although not perfect, on the whole they behave themselves very well.

Our Choice Points Program has enabled a flexible and responsive system for students with particularly challenging behavior enabling them and their classmates to be more successful by minimizing classroom disruptions. Staff members are to be commended for their commitment to making this program work.

The staff at Westmoreland School continues to work toward finding ways to integrate the school and the community. A number of projects were undertaken to further this goal. The Community Projects Committee wishes to thank Cindy Richard for teaching an exercise class in the gym, and Mary Desrosiers for calling a well-attended (despite the weather) contradance.

The PTA continues to make extraordinary contributions to school life. This year different speakers have attended PTA meetings making them an educational opportunity for parents. The Promotional Reading Program, "Back to the Future," was a huge success with lots of classes reading lots of books and having to witness several staff members dressed up in cheerleader outfits! We expect this year's program will be equally well received.

Westmoreland School continues to work with the Keene Family YMCA to provide quality after school experiences for those children and families with such a need. This program operates under the guidance of the PTA.

For the third year in a row, our Preschool Outreach Program brought families of Westmoreland's preschoolers into the school to discuss foundational skills for learning and language development, school readiness, and to help parents become familiar with the school and our resources. Last year, for the first time, we included infants in the program. Ten "Book Bags" are now available for infants through the age of two.

Of particular note is the work of the Westmoreland Technology Committee. This group was charged with developing a new five-year technology plan for the district in compliance with federal and state requirements. What began as a simple task quickly became a complex project, looking into the curriculum and instruction at every grade level and designing a technological support structure to advance the educational mission of the school and the professional and administrative needs of the staff. The committee even tackled the Mac vs. PC issue, agreeing to integrate PCs into the middle school for educational as well as financial reasons. My deepest thanks go to Board Member Richard Frye; community representatives Barry Shonbeck, Ed Freyenhagen, and Tom Warner; SAU 29 representative Dean Hollatz; and staff representatives Don Davis, Gail Fleming, and Lauren Zwolinski.

Principal's Forums and Principal's Forums for Kids continued throughout the year with adults wanting to talk about discipline and sports, and kids wanting to talk about the juice and snack machines, dances and computers.

The Westmoreland School Band and Chorus Program continues along wonderfully under the watchful and patient ear of Carlson Barrett. We have also added the Lend-an-Ear Program to our repertoire of culturally enriching experiences for students. This program, sponsored by Monadnock Music, will bring accomplished professional musicians to the school three times per year to perform and demonstrate their instruments. We've also enjoyed hearing the Keene High School chorus in concert in the gym this winter, and the St. James Church Handbell Choir performing side by side with our students at the school's Holiday Concert.

Westmoreland's 30 N.H. Dance Institute (NHDI) dancers worked very hard to perform "To Fly" at the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond at Keene State College last Memorial Day weekend. This year's team is preparing for "Coming to America." NHDI performances are just terrific and, if you haven't seen one of these energizing performances, you should!

Our participation in the Cheshire County YMCA's American Heritage Tour continued and tour participation is at an all time high! Next year the Y will split the tour to make it more manageable with Westmoreland traveling with Chesterfield and Marlborough to Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Gettysburg and Washington, D.C.

Our girls' soccer team captured an elusive league championship last fall, but might have traded it all for a win against Chesterfield in the championship game of the Sports Boosters Annual Soccer Tournament. Our thanks go to all the Boosters' Club members for hosting such a thrilling event.

At the 19th Annual Athletic Awards Banquet, the Sports Boosters presented the following major awards:

Thomas D. White Soccer Scholarship:	Joy Stronk
Jamie Hurley Basketball Scholarship:	Ben Hanna
Ann Spring Bergeron Sportsmanship Awards:	Denise Draper and Brian Champion
Student Council Athletes of the Year:	Amanda Gragen and Sean Sutton

Please take special note of the three new trees planted on school grounds. The two blue spruce trees on either side of the front walk were planted last fall in memory of Lois Delano and Bob Cox. The contributions of these two individuals to the school and community were numerous and it is our belief that these trees will be an inspiration to all that pass between them. On the playground, between the gym and the teeter-totters, is a pin oak planted in honor of retired teacher Joan Murray. Mrs. Murray stood tall for her students, giving them strength and protection, and it was felt that an oak would represent the same.

Other building-related items undertaken this year were: an analysis of our electricity usage to determine the cost to the district to service the gym, a review of our plumbing and heating systems, replacing several ceiling tiles in the gym and reclipping all 444 tiles, reroofing a large section of the original building, and, in case anyone is wondering, having all our computers and software checked for any Y2K bugs.

A very large tip of the hat to David and Brenda Shelley, Len Nelson, Dan LaFleur, and Tom Bates for priming and painting the back of the new classroom wing. With the new construction of the gym and the fine work of these volunteers, the back of the school looks great! Thanks, also, to Alicia Barnett and Georgianna Hamilton who both still manage to find time to keep our gardens looking beautiful during the warmer months.

Thanks, also, to Darcy Smith for rekindling our Ski Program, and to George Duke, John Snowdon, Jim Beeler, Tom Warner and Diane Hubner for the generous donations of computer equipment. Thank you to Barb Messer, Marcia Starkey, and Theresa Acerno as these ladies still provide the best Graduation Banquet anyone could ever imagine.

This report, although lengthy, is still yet just a summary of all the things happening at Westmoreland School. If you are interested in learning even more, you can read our bimonthly publication, *Curriculum Highlights*. It is available to you through the school, or by getting on our mailing list. Either way, just call the school office.

In closing, let me say that Westmoreland School is a great place for students to learn and teachers to teach. It is a school and a community of which I am very proud. If there is anything you feel the school can do for you, please don't ever hesitate to call.

William Harris
Principal

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Martina Tyrell	Instructional Associate
Irene Vail	Inclusionary Aide
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Cheryl Evans	Speech Therapist
Janet Finesilver	Occupational Therapist
Georgianna Hamiton	School Nurse
Tracey Brown	School Lunch
Ken Reader	Custodian

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SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT
1998 - 1999

The Health Office has been running fairly smoothly this year. We have been spared the usual epidemic of head lice in September, but given a more than usual dose of the pre-holiday stomach flu.

Dr. Sutton performed 23 physicals for children going to Sargent Camp and/or participating in sports. Due to a change in regulations from SAU 29, this number is down from previous years. Only one physical is now required during the middle school years. It used to be an annual event. She will return to do the fourth grade physicals later in the school year.

My days continue to be busy with the routine visits, health screenings, dispensing of medications, and maintenance of children with chronic health concerns such as diabetes, asthma, and cardiac disease. It is a busy office with many challenges and pleasures.

Medication Visits	1864
Sick Visits	2371
Sports Physicals	23
Flu Shot Clinic	10

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgianna Hamilton, R.N.

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LUNCH REPORT

Westmoreland School is continuing to work with the Keene School District Food Service Program. Menus are coordinated with Keene, Marlborough, Nelson, and Marlow. They meet U.S. guidelines for calories, fat, protein, iron, calcium, and vitamins A and C. Menus are made up from government commodities. This year we have enjoyed things like fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, hamburgers, cheese, turkeys, shaved steak, and ham.

Lunch counts are slowly going down this year, but we hope that, with the new students, the counts will go back up by the end of the year. Please feel free to let me know if you have a child who does not like something on the menu and I will do my best to remove it from future menus. The students still like pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken nuggets and patties. I have tried some new things which some students have liked, while others like to stay with a regular menu.

Please call or come in to see me if you have any questions or concerns with the school lunch program. As always, I will do my best to make lunch enjoyable for everyone. I would like to extend a warm thank you to all who help with the lunch program.

*Tracey Brown
Kitchen Manager*

WESTMORELAND GRADUATES

1999

GRADE 8

Chad Adams
Abigail Ainsworth
Cara Berardi
Thomas Burt
Adam Castor
Brean Farquharson
Tyson Fedorowicz
Toni-Leigh Firenze
Amanda Gragen
Hannah Gray
Anna Harris
Kristopher Keith
Matthew Keyser
Ryan Lawson
Ann McClening
Megan McKane
Molly McKane
Nicole Melanson
Jeffrey Mitchell
Sarah Moore
Timothy Moreland
Kristin Payne
Christine Ray
Daisy Royea
Joy Stronk
Matthew Symonds
Cullen Thompson
Stephanie Thompson
Michael West
Alicia Winchester

GRADE 12

Seth Adams
Benjamin Ainsworth
Angelina Berardi
Adam Bressett
Alan Bressett
Craig Day
Joel Fedorowicz
Ryan Henderson
Amanda Ide
Allison LeDuc
Renee Leveille
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